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Ah! Sainte Nitouche, you don't refuse it?
And may it from its soft recess—
This kiss upon your fan I press—
Be blown to you, a shy caress,
By this white down, whene'er you use it.
This kiss upon your fan I press,—
Ah, Sainte Nitouche, you *don't* refuse it!

WHAT SHE THOUGHT:

To kiss a fan!
What a poky poet!
The stupid man,
To kiss a fan,
When he knows that—he—can—
Or ought to know it—
To kiss a *fan!*
What a poky poet!

—*Jarrison Robertson in The Century Brie-a-Brac.*

ISABEL PENRITH'S COURAGE.

BY AMY RANDOLPH.

How mournfully the bleak March wind whistled round the ruinous old farm house in the mountain wilderness! How sadly the broken hinges creaked, and the loose shingles rattled on the roof! And the bloody stripe of sunset over the leafless tree-tops in the west grew fainter and more lurid, and the dusk came creeping up the valley like a visible form of darkness, and Isabel Penrith shuddered as she stood at the window with her eyes fixed eagerly on the wild and melancholy landscape.

"Oh, I never, never can stay here!" thought poor Isabel.

She was a tall, finely made girl of eighteen, with a face which, although not beautiful, possessed the highest charm of expression, and large brown eyes full of wistful softness.

"The best lookin' of all my nieces," said Aunt Penelope Wilde.

Isabel was the third one of the Penrith girls who had been sent "on trial" as it were, from the bustling little seaport town where Joseph Penrith struggled with fortune in behalf of his large family, as best he might, to the desolate Wilde farm-house. Aunt Penelope was a childless widow, with property to leave, and when she graciously signified her will and pleasure to adopt and provide for one of her brother's tall girls, the chance was easily grasped at. Mary Penrith had cried for three days and three nights when she came to Aunt Pen.'s, from sheer homesickness, and the old lady had wrathfully pronounced her "a poor limp thing, no better than a dishrag." Agatha, the next, had broken Aunt Pen.'s favorite china teapot, laughed at her old-fashioned ways, and spoiled two successive churnings of butter with her careless management, and was packed home with considerable less ceremony than if she had been a barrel of apples or a ferkin of butter.

"She won't do," Aunt Pen. had said emphatically. And now Isabel's turn had come.

Aunt Pen. was sitting by the fire, surveying with no little complacency some purchases she had just made of a traveling peddler, at the moment when Isabel stood so forlornly by the window. Aunt Pen. was rich in woodland, and pine logs cost but little; so there was a great, genial blaze of resinous, silvery fringed logs, that made the room almost as light as a modern chandelier could have done.

"This ain't a bad quality o' calico for sixteen cents, Isabel," said the old lady, drawing the fabric critically over her thumb nail. "And the color's jist what I like—a substantial brown, that won't show every speck o' dust like white satin."

"Yes, it is very pretty," said Isabel, mechanically.

"And I got a real bargain in them spools o' cotton. I needed cotton.—That feller had a better assortment than travelin' merchants generally have. I say, Isabel!"

"Well, Aunt Pen.?"

"I'm a'most sorry I didn't get that poplin gowned—the black one, I mean, with the overshot dots. 'Twarn't dear at twenty dollars, and it would make a right down handsome go-to-meetin' dress, enough prettier than Miss Deacon Perriman's."

"Yes, it would make up very prettily."

"And you could ha' helped me with the waist and sleeves, too. Well, my wisdom always comes too late."

Isabel said nothing. To tell the truth, she had experienced rather a feeling of relief that afternoon when the door was safely bolted and barred behind the peddler. She had not fancied his keen, rat-like eyes, nor the furtive glance shooting from beneath his eyebrows, with which he had surveyed the premises. She had imagined that his eyes had followed Aunt Penelope rather too closely when she went to get the stocking-foot of money to pay for her purchases, and she had felt a little vexed when Aunt Pen. had inadvertently mentioned the fact of their being "two lone women." But she said nothing of all this to Aunt Penelope, but let her enjoy her calico bargains to her heart's content.

Just as she placed a lighted candle on the round pine stand, however, a knock sounded at the door, and, opening it, she beheld the identical peddler, with his pack still balanced on his shoulder.

"I've come back, Miss, you see," he said, apologetically. "I missed the right raod, somehow, and it was growing dark so fast that I thought perhaps the old lady would give me house-room for a night, and we could make it all right in the morning."

Isabel, still holding the door knob in her hand, turned with a doubtful, questioning face to her aunt.

"Of course, of course," said the old lady, good humoredly, as she remembered the much-coveted poplin. "We ain't savages here, to turn a homeless wanderer away from our door, I do hope! Set down by the fire, sir. Isabel, hang over the tea-kettle, my dear; and, hark ye, just put another blanket on the bed in the little north chamber."

Isabel Penrith obeyed her aunt's hospitable behests, but she could not help feeling sorry that the ill-looking man had returned.

He made himself no disagreeable guest, however, during the long spring evening. Anecdotes and adventures were familiar to him, and he evinced the greatest interest in Aunt Penolope's winter rheumatism and summer hay cold, besides being quite sure of a remedy for the red cow's horn ailment.

"I think he's a very pleasant, sociable sort of a man, and I shouldn't wonder if we hit on a bargain about the black poplin to-morrow morning," said Aunt Pen., in high good humor, when he had gone up to bed, and she was raking up the embers of the fire, with Isabel leaning on the mantel-piece beyond. "Open the bedroom door, Isabel—that's right. I like to see the shine of the keepin'-room fire on my walls at night. Get your candle, child; come, it's after ten."

"Aunt Pen.," said Isabel, hesitatingly, "I—I should like to sleep with you to-night!"

Aunt Pen. dropped the poker and tongs on the stone hearth with a great clatter.

"Sleep with me! Why, yes, if you're a mind to. But what's the matter? You ar'n't afeard o' nothin', be you?"

"N—no, but the room up stairs is so lonely, and the wind whistles down the chimney, and the noise of the rats in the garret overhead makes me nervous!"

"Get your things then, quick! But you'll get used to all these outlandish noises after a while."

Isabel ran up stairs after her little ruffled night-dress and dressing jacket. She involuntarily quickened her steps as she passed the door of the north chamber, where the peddler was ensconed. It might have been her fancy but she certainly imagined that the door of that apartment was ajar, and creaked softly as she passed it!"

Aunt Penelope was leisurely preparing for bed as her niece came fluttering down the stairway. Isabel looked cautiously round the room as she set down the candle.

"Aunt Pen., is that a pistol hanging over the fireplace? What an old fashioned thing!"

"La! child, yes; it's your Uncle Wilde's old blunderbuss, that I haven't never had the heart to put away since he died. He thought a dreadful sight on't!"

"Is it loaded?"

"No, to be sure it an't!"

"But, Aunt Pen., don't you think it would be safer to have it loaded, in case of—of thieves or burglars?"

"Maybe 'twould," said Aunt Pen.; "but there ha'n't been no one here to look arter it, and I can't load it."

"But I think I could, Aunt Pen. I have often loaded and unloaded my brother Tom's revolver. Where are the powder and ball?"

"They're in the cupboard; but it's an awful rusty old thing, and I'm most afeard for you to handle it, Isabel."

"I can oil the rusty spots, aunt."

Aunt Penelope looked dubiously on while her niece oiled and cleansed the ancient weapon, and loaded it with quick, skillful fingers.

"There," said Isabel, replacing the pistol on its hooks, "now we shall both feel a deal safer."

"May be so," said Aunt Pen.; "but I never was troubled with burglars, and I don't expect I ever shall be."

So saying, the worthy old lady turned over on the pillow, and fell fast asleep.

Isabel, however, was less amenable to the influence of Somnus. She tossed and turned; now closing her eyes and trying to woo sleep, now straining them out of the uncurtained window opposite, where the stars shone fitfully through flying racks of March clouds. The house seemed full of strange, unearthly sounds—the stairs creaked dismally, the broken shutters flapped against the siding, and droves of rats and mice skurried overhead, between plastering and floor, like small regiments of infantry on the double-quick over a hostile country.

"Hush! what was that stealthy sound? Surely something besides wind and fancy." Isabel listened intently.

She was right. It was the fall of muffled footsteps softly descending the stairs, and the next instant the gleam of a dark lantern betrayed the outline of the peddler's form, stealing quietly into the very room where she lay!

Oh, for the pistol now! but it hung over the mantel, and the burly figure of the midnight marauder interposed between! He went straight to the door of the pantry closet, from which he had doubtless seen poor Aunt Penelope take her stockingfoot of bank bills that very afternoon, and tried it. It was locked, and the key taken out!

He paused an instant, with a low, muttered execration, then turned and began searching in the various little nooks and repositories about Aunt Pen.'s old-fashioned bureau-top where a key was likely to be kept.

Now was her opportunity. His back was toward her, and with a skillful calculating of time and distance, she thought she could noiselessly steal across the room and possess herself of the pistol before he discovered that she was not asleep.

She had just balanced herself on her elbow with one foot on the floor, thankful beyond expression for Aunt Penelope's measured snores, when an inadvertent movement of the man's hand overturned a camphor bottle upon a china match box. Both clinked noisily, and Aunt Penelope awoke.

"Why! What! Who's there? Murder! thieves! robbers! Isabel! Isabel!"

"Hold your tongue, you old fool!" ejaculated the peddler between his tightly clenched teeth, "unless you want me to beat your brains out with the shovel!"

But Aunt Penelope still shrieked on, never considering, with all a woman's inconsistency, that there was no ear to hear within a good two miles. Isabel peremptorily silenced her holding the bedclothes over her wide-opened mouth.

"Hush, Aunt! He will not hurt us. All he wants is money. You will not harm us if we tell you where the silver and the money are, sir?"

"That's a sensible way o' lookin' at things," said the midnight visitor, not without a certain gruff appreciation. "Where's the key to that there closet?"

Aunt Pen, still struggled, however. "I'd as soon he should kill me as take the money I've been savin' up these ten years," she stuttered under the bedclothes. "Shoot him, why don't you, Isabel? where's the pistol?"

With one long-stride the ruffin possessed himself of Uncle Wilde's solitary firearm.

"Here's the pistol, old lady; and you'll get a taste of it, if you don't stop that squeaking! Where's the key, I say?"

"In the upper drawer, close to the right," directed Isabel.

"Isabel! Isabel! Are you crazy?" screamed Aunt Penn., wildly tearing at her dishevelled gray hair! "Ah my money! and all my bonds! and the silver plate I've had these thirty years! Help! Murder!"

In vain were her convulsive efforts to spring up; Isabel held her, resolutely down in bed.

"There is no use, aunt; he is stronger than we are, and he has the pistol besidas!"

The man meanwhile calmly unlocked the door of the closet with the key to, which Isabel had so accurately directed him—the door of that closet in which Aunt Pen. kept all her choicest treasures, from quince preserves and fancy pickles up to the old-time silver tea-pot and the store of bank-bills which she could never make up her mind to deposit in the County Bank.

But as he entered and stepped up on the wooden chair that stood there, to reach down the stocking foot—how well he knew its lurking place!—Isabel sprang up, swift and noiseless as a shadow, flew across the room, and closing the door on him, locked and doubled locked it before he could turn to utter a word of remonstrance.

Then she sank, pale and utterly with out strength, on a chair, covering her eyes with her hands, while Aunt Penelope sat up in bed staring blankly.

"Quick, Aunt! we have no time to lose! He's safe nntil we can hurry over to Deacon Perriman's and obtain help! Dress yourself, without an instant's loss of time!"

The villain rained blows upon the stout chestnut panels with feet and hands, and shouted threats, entreaties, and exercrations in vain, while Isabel and her aunt attired themselves with trembling hands. The lock however, was strong and the hinges intact, and safely defied all attack.

"You may knock the skin off your knuckles, and it won't do no good!" called out Aunt Pen. jeeringly, as they prepared to leave the room. The good old lady's spirits had gone up surprisingly. You went in of your own accord; and now get out the best you can!"

Half an hour or so afterward, Deacon Perriman, with two or three of his stoutest farm hands, made their appearance on the scene of action, and released the human rat from his trap.

"Guess we'll lock him up down suller until mornin'," said the Deacon, as he surveyed the sullen, discomfited face of the detected thief. "Then we can take him to Squire Miller's for committal. So yon trapped him, did you, Miss Is'bel? Wal I do say for't, 'twas pretty well done!"

"And I half believed she was in league with him one time," confessed Aunt Pen., patting the girl's head. "You was wiser than your old aunt, Isabel, my dear, and I don't know how I'm ever going to thank you!"

The culprit was safely committed to the county jail before that day's sun went down, and Aunt Pens. apprehensions "lest he should get away" were calmed.

"I tell you what, Isabel," said the old lady, "I'll send that silver and money to the bank, and we'll get Elnathan Stokes and his wife to come here and stay with us nights. I don't think its quite safe to sleep here alone."

When Isabel Penrith next wrote home she told her parents of her edventure, and inclosed a fifty dollar bill to help pay the rent—Aunt Penelope's present to her."

"And Aunt Penn. is so kind to me," she wrote, "and I am very happy here, although it is a little lonely."

"Upon my word!" said Joseph Penrith, as he read the letter, his spectacles somewhat dimmed by a proud moisture, "our little Isabel is a heroine!"

BOSTON CULCHAW.—She was a member of a Boston literary club and was visiting a Whitehall relative. A bevy of ladies and gentlemen were discussing the character of Hamlet's Ophelia. "Miss B——, what do you think of Ophelia?" asked a gentleman, "what in your opinion, are the strongest words uttered by that unhappy female?" "Ophelia? Let me see—oh yes; well to tell the truth, I was never so awfully convulsed with laughter, as when she unfolds her great big fan and then exclaims 'La, heow shiftless!"—*Whitehall Times.*

THE late Louis Blanc left $5,000 to Parisian children who have been deserted by their parents.

Written for the Middletown Transcript.

"VIRTUE IS ITS OWN REWARD."

BY SCOTT WAY.

CHAPTER I.

Barton Skinflint, the merchant, sat at his desk with a pen in his hand and a frown upon his brow. There was an unhappy expression about the corners of his mouth and a dangerous look in his off eye. Something he had eaten for dinner was lying heavily upon his stomach. Evidently he was in no mood to overlook a shirking of duty upon the part of any one of his employes. His eyes were upon his ledger, but his ears swung out like the wings of a windmill and received the returns, came they low or came they loud, from the different quarters of his establishment. Barton Skinflint was not deaf by a large majority.

A frail, slender youth stood behind a counter,—a frail, slender youth with a sad and pensive cast of countenance. He did not look happy, but perhaps he was as happy as he could be on a salary of a dollar a week.

A customer approached the counter—a woman of cold, austere mien, she was—and asked to be shown some prints. The youth smiled sadly, threw down the full of seven shelves, and waited patiently while the customer turned over the whole pile and examined each piece with critical eye.

"Will these prints fade?" she asked, after a painful silence, as she fingered a pile of dyed cheese cloth with a sickly purple vine, "warranted fast colors."

The youth looked at the woman straight and square out of a pair of honest blue eyes—they were the only pair he had about him to look out of—and said he was afraid they would.

The woman looked disappointed.—She wanted "fast colors" for five cents a yard, and these were the only five-cent prints on the counter. She was thoughtful for a moment, and then she untied the corners of her pocket handkerchief, counted her available cash capital, bought a paper of hair pins and went out.

"Thomas!" The merchant's voice seemed to have a peculiar awfulness about it to Thomas. It seemed to come up out of the merchant's boots and to roll out in a grand, crushing volume, as though it wanted to strike Thomas amid-ships and double him up like a jack-knife. It unnerved Thomas, so that his knees smote each other, and he did not reply until his name had rolled out of the merchant's mouth for the second time, louder, deeper, and two-fold more terrible than before.

"Sir?" said Thomas, meekly.

"Step this way, Thomas!"

Thomas stepped. He stepped with considerable briskness. He stepped with unwonted alacrity. When he was done stepping he stood before the merchant, with his eyes fixed upon the mucilage bottle at the corner of the merchant's desk. He knew that something was coming for which the house was not prepared. And so there was.

"Thomas!" repeated the merchant, with a brow like a corrugated washboard, "what did you tell that woman about those prints?"

"I told her I was afraid they would fade, sir."

"You did, did you! You told her you were afraid they would fade; why did you tell her that, young man?"

"Because she asked me, sir."

If the merchant's face had looked like a thundergust before, now it resembled a Kansas cyclone. His anger was so deep that it held his tongue for a minute, and his fingers twitched like they were itching to pull something up by the roots. Before, he was only mad in spots; now he was mad all over. There was probably not a spot on him as big as a dime that wasn't mad. When he regained the use of his tongue he said in awful, measured tones:

"Don't the labels say that those prints are warranted fast colors?"

"Yes, sir," replied Thomas, still keeping his eyes upon the mucilage bottle; "but I fear the labels do not tell the truth." This was a manly thing for Thomas to say. This was a manly stand for a boy to take on a salary of one dollar a week. But the anger of Skinflint was crushing. Now his voice seemed to come up out of the cellar.

"Silence, boy! What right have you to know more about a piece of goods than the man who made it? Do I pay you a dollar a week to speak the truth? Do I harbor you and give you of my hard-earned experience to have you drive customers from my doors? Here is your week's wages, less the amount I lost by missing that sale. Now get."

And Thomas got.

CHAPTER II.

Thomas Goodurchin was the only support of a fond father and mother and two small brothers and a sick sister. He was a good boy all the way through and around the edges. When he was a mere child his gentle mother took him upon her knee and told him the charming anecdote about George Washington and his little hatchet. The anecdote impressed him deeply. It impressed him so deeply that he slid down from his mother's knee, stole out to the woodshed and got the old dull family hatchet that had belonged to his grandfather and hadn't been sharpened since it was new. With it he went forth to emulate the noble example of the paternal ancestor of his country. But alas, Thomas' father was a poor man and had no cherry-tree. He could not afford a cherry-tree. He had no tree but a hickory-tree thirty-nine inches through at the butt, and Thomas thought it would be a pity to cut it down with the hatchet. He whacked at it two or three times, but the more he whacked the sorrier he got for the tree, and soon he got so sorry that he couldn't whack any more. When he quit he was sorry all over, and more particularly across the small of his back. It is well, perhaps, that he did not persist in his undertaking, for if he had cut down the hickory-tree with that hatchet his father might never have forgiven him.

Thomas was a studious and industrious boy. Every Sabbath he trudged off to Sunday school, or every Sunday he trudged off to Sabbath school—just as you prefer to have it, and brought home a pretty little book with a pretty little moral story in it, just like this, or perhaps more so. Sometimes it would be a story about a wicked boy who climbed a neighbor's apple-tree and went out on a decayed limb and fell to the ground, bringing the limb with him and breaking several of his legs; while a good, moral little boy who had remonstrated with the unfortunate lad for his wickedness, went to school day after day with a little girl in long curls and scalloped pantalets, who lived in the house where the apple-tree grew, and gave him all the apples he wanted, and finally, when he had got old enough, married him and helped him be a great and good man as long as he lived.

Thomas was deeply impressed with these stories, and he said he would be a good boy, too. His father was a delicate man. He could not work after breakfast. He had a weak back, which was hereditary in his family. Through the winter he sat by the grocery fire and told the assembled citizens what he would do next summer, and in the summer he reclined in the shade and discussed his plans for the next winter.

Thomas was the support of his parents, as we have already told you. Now that he had lost his situation, he was sad indeed. There seemed to be something wrong about the thing. He had been discharged for telling the truth. It had never turned out that way in the books. When he related to his father the circumstances of his dismissal, his father was thoughtful for a moment, and then he said, sadly but kindly:

"I perceive that you think it is wicked to lie, Thomas. I fear that you will never be good for anything, unless it is to edit a newspaper."

CHAPTER III.

Thomas Goodurchin had hardly left the store of Barton Skinflint, when a gentleman entered and walked to the grocery counter. William Brown stood there ready to serve customers. He was a youth of about the same age of Thomas. He stood with his back against a sugar barrel, and while he kept one eye fixed upon Skinflint, he slyly and frequently slipped a lump of "cut loaf" into his wealth of mouth. William was cross-eyed, and therefore he had no difficulty in looking at Skinflint and in several other directions all at the same time. The man who had approached William, said:

"Show me some good coffee."

William dipped under the counter, and holding forth a scoopful of coffee, said in a business-like way:

"Twenty-five cents, sir."

"I want something a little better than that, if you please."

William dipped again under the counter into the same bin and bringing out his scoop a second time, said:

"Thirty cents, sir."

"I prefer Java, if you have it," said the customer, and William dipped for, the third time into the same coffee-bin, and holding forth his scoop, modestly said:

"There is a prime article, sir, at fifty cents a pound. How much shall I put up for you?"

The customer said he would take five pounds. This was a good deal, for the coffee had only cost fourteen cents at wholesale.

When the customer had gone, Skinflint called William to him, and William came timidly forward. There was a smile upon the austere merchant's countenance—a full-width smile. His brow was not so much corrugated as it had previously been. He placed his hand upon William Brown's head and said:

"William, you have done pretty well; but you ought to have asked that man sixty-five cents for that coffee the last time. It was evident that he desired to think he was buying a very fine article. You should always endeavor to please a customer. But you are coming along well, William, and after this week your wages will be increased to $1.25 a week. That will do, William."

And William went back to the loaf-sugar barrel feeling happy in the consciousness that his talents were being appreciated.

CHAPTER IV.

Twenty years have passed away. Twenty long, weary years. Twenty crops of comic almanacs have come and gone, and all with the same jokes. Barton Skinflint is no more. He has been laid to rest. He died worth $300,000, and the local paper filled three columns with his obituary, and referred to him editorially as a "respected, honored and enterprising citizen, with a heart abounding in charitable impulses and a hand ever ready to stretch forth to relieve the poor."

And Thomas, our hero, the good and truthful Thomas Goodurchin, what of him? Is he happy? Has he prospered? Alas, no. He is a poor country editor with a large assortment of small children and a big list of delinquent subscribers. And William Brown, the cross-eyed William Brown, with timid air and wealth of mouth; ever ready and willing to try to please a customer, what of him? Well, there is a good bit of him now. He arose rapidly in the favor of his employer. In time he became Skinflint's head salesman; then succeeded him in business and married his daughter and helped to inherit the $300,000 after the funeral. Now he is in Congress and lives in a brown-stone house in Washington, has a cottage by the sea, an interest in a Mexican gold mine, and pays three hundred dollars a year for a pew in church. When he rides out, a liveried negro in a plug hat and brass buttons as big as saucers sits upon the box, and on all occasions the illustrious Muck-a-Mucks of the land listen deferentially to the opinions of the Honorable William Brown.

Somehow this little story does not end in the way we wanted it to end. We fear it will not do for a Sunday school volume. Thomas Goodurchin ought to have come to be the prosperous, successful man, and William Brown ought to have been sent to the penitentiary to repent. But we had to tell the story just as it happened. We could not lie, not even for the good purpose of adorning a tale with a fine moral. But while the conclusion of the story may not please you and us, dear reader, we must remember that "VIRTUE IS ITS OWN REWARD."

THE ALAMO.

The Alamo—the old stone cathedral—of San Antonio is the Thermopylæ of the New World. Its story only differs from that told of Leonidas and his devoted band in the fact that of the 165 defenders of the Alamo, against 4,000 Mexicans, there was *no* survivor to "tell it in Lacedæmon that we died here in obedience to her laws." The Alamo was besieged through eleven days and nights. At length, when assaulted before day dawn on every side and when its garrison was exhausted by constant dangers and toils, the Mexicans scaled the stone-wall enclosing the church. The commander of the stronghold had consulted his men. They had resolved never to surrender. Bowie's body was found pinned to his bed of sickness by bayonets. Around the spot at which David Crockett served a 13-pounder, Mexicans were heaped up as if to constitute a fortress for the invincible Tennesseean. Travis's negro body servant, Ben, was still living nine years ago. His life was spared that he might designate the bodies of the fallen chieftains. Mrs. Dickinson, whose husband was a Connecticut tradesman and lieutenant of a volunteer company of San Antonio, occupied a small apartment in the basement of the church. Dickinson fell sword in hand at the doorway to this apartment. Almonte interposed and made the infuriated drunken Mexicans spare Mrs. Dickinson and her child, and this now venerable woman and the children of this daughter still live in Austin, Texas.

But we only proposed to say that the Alamo is now occupied as a grocery store. It is in the business center of San Antonio, and its owner would sell the property, and, destroying the old church moss-covered by time with memories illustrative of the valor of Americans, erect new buildings on the site. There are a million and a quarter dollars in the treasury of Texas, and the State only owes a debt of four millions, fastened on it by the carpet-bag oligarchy, and its failure to buy and preserve the Alamo would be a foul wrong to American fame and deeds and history. If Texas be so false to her own pride of local history and patriotism that this proudest monument to valor must perish, even the American Union should interpose that the Alamo may tell posterity forever how brave men have fought and died for local freedom—the strongest passion, as shown in New England anniversaries, that underlies and adorns American character.

HOW IT FEELS.

James Humphrey, a Canadian, nearly froze to death in a recent storm when driving homeward from Wallacetown to Aldborough. He has since given this description of his experience to a correspondent of the *St. Thomas Times*, which we publish for the information of those of our readers who may want to commit suicide and yet have not the nerve to do it because ordinary methods are either painful, or hash up the remains badly:

"When he felt no longer able to hold the reins with any grip he determined to seek shelter in the first house until well warmed. His tongue became stiff, then his arms, sharp chills ran down his back, and finally it seemed as though the whole body was being congealed, causing an almost total cessation of the heart's action. This condition of extreme suffering and despondency speedily gave place to a feeling of grateful warmth, suffusing the system and causing an exhilarating glow. By this time he had reached a house, but he drove on, thinking that nothing was to be feared. The sleigh, instead of crawling along, at a snail's pace, appeared to glide through the air with great swiftness, and the horses fairly flew like pigeons. A sense of exultation filled the farmer's breast as he urged the horses to a still greater speed, and the woods on each side were passing so quickly that they became indistinguishable black lines. Then the sleigh bells sounded fainter and fainter, until the chimes disappeared in the distance. The farmer fell gradually into a delicious slumber, which came near being the sleep that knows no waking, and he knew no more until brought to life under a vigorous treatment."

He is the greatest artist alive, and the one courted most by society, who can carelessly drop a lot of marking ink on a piece of card board, and after drawing a whisp broom across it, call it a symphony of twilight and sell it for ten thousand dollars.—*Puck.*

DID EVE RECEIVE CALLERS.

A lady who received callers on New Year's writes to the *Sun* for its opinion as to whether Eve furnished her New Year's callers wine or coffee, when they called upon her in the Garden of Eden, and what we think about the Adam and Eve business, anyway, as a family to take pattern after. The *Sun* is like a hotel clock or a ticket agent, always willing to tell all it knows, and do it politely, but such questions as the above require too much study in order to give a clear answer. As we understand it Eve did not make a practice of receiving callers on New Years. That is, she didn't have her name and address in the papers, though she remained at home, and didn't hang out a basket for cards, and anybody that called was welcome. The only caller she received on the 1st of January of the year one, was a fellow with his hair parted in the middle, and a society smile, and the report of the affair in the society paper the next morning said she sat out the best she had in the house, and the affair was the event of the season. She may not have served wine to the devil, though he is alleged to have acted as though he was half shot when he went away. It is certain that the hog set up the apples, and they may have turned to cider in his stomach, or he may have been drinking Tom and Jerry at a saloon before he started out calling. It is probable that the first thing that Eve's caller said when he got in the parlor, after leaving a pair of last year's arctic overshoes in the hall, and looking at a pair of new ones there that he thought would fit him, was, "Ah! by Jove, you know, I wish you a happy New Year, awfully." And then he laughed and chewed his cane, and Eve kicked her fig leaf train under the piano and stepped forward so her satin slippers would show under her dress, and she said, "Thanks. The same to you. You must give me a card." Then we have no reasonable doubt the caller, while searching in his pocket for a card, smiled on Eve and said, "Is Adam making calls to-day?" And when Eve told her caller that Adam was out fishing through a hole in the ice, that settled it. As we interpret the scriptures, the caller waited for Adam to get back, to hear him lie about the fish he had caught, and at being late, the caller remained to supper, and they talked over the apple trade, and the caller, no doubt, gave Adam many points on the apple crop of the year *two*, and Adam sold short, and when he came to deliver, he had to put up a margin or get off the board of trade, and be sold out. That is the way it looks at this late day. Adam and Eve may have been all right in their day, but to copy after them nowadays would not be popular. In the first place they did not have the advantage of growing up and working for a living, and hewing out their own fortunes. They were created full size to begin on, and set up in business with no effort on their part, and they didn't know anything about bringing up children. As near as we can get at it, Adam was a drinking man, who had rather go out and have a high time, and come rolling home in the morning, than to work the farm, and it is no wonder Cain and Able turned out to be regular Waukesha roughs, and when we learned that Cain had killed Able, it did not surprise us a bit. It was a stand off which of them should be killed, and Cain got the drop on Able and he passed in his chips. If Adam had been anything of a man he would have walked in amongst those boy's when they got to quarreling, and took one of them by the collar, and the other by the pants, and wiped the gravel walk in the garden with them, and showed them that while they might be pretty healthy boys, they must not think they owned the earth, and all, and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging, or words to that effect. But Adam didn't have any gall. He set them a bad example. His going into that apple speculation, at the instigation of the devil, shows what kind of a man he would be to run a farm at this age of the world.—*Peck's Sun.*

About Advertising.

A statement is going the rounds that the lowest priced column of the New York *Herald* nets $39,723 per year, the highest $148,000. J. T. Bolles, of Geneva, once had occasion to advertise in that paper while he was in the city, and entering the business office, he took his place in line with some twenty others. They approached the desk of the advertising department, where the clerk counted the words in the notice, stated the price and received the cash in advance in all instances. Each one did not require more than two minutes. He noticed one man approach just in advance of Bolles's turn. The clerk counted the words and sung out, "Four seventy-five, please." "What! isn't that pretty steep?" inquired the man, in a really country sort of way. The clerk didn't stop to dally two hours with this customer, inform him how everything had advanced, and to take the advertisement at a lower rate would be to rob James Gordon Bennett's children of bread. He did not deliver to him a long lecture on how much it costs to run an office, men to pay, paper makers to deal with, wear and tear of type and machinery, a string that almost every country publisher has learned by heart. He spoke politely, but with a business air—"Step right along, sir; I have no time to talk with you. Next!"—*Geneva Advertiser.*

IRON in a colorless state and Peruvian bark, combined with well known aromatics, make Brown's Iron Bitters the best medicine known.

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON, FEB. 2, 1883.

THE Washington correspondent of the New York *Herald* is of the opinion that the passage of a Tariff bill this session is very doubtful.

THE total loss of life by the circus fire at Berditsheff has been ascertained to be 268. This is bad enough, but not near so bad as at first reported.

CETEWAYO has been reinstated as king of Zululand, and can once more strut around clothed in glory, a red cotton handkerchief and a tin crown.

THE REV. MR. EATON, of New York, said in a sermon last Sunday that the pulpit, the press and the public schools are the modern trinity of power.

A MAN arrested at New York for burglary a few days ago was identified by his shadow. The burglar should go to the ground-hog, study its ways and be wise.

THE ground-hog will see his shadow to-day if he comes out of his hole, and he will be convinced, at least, that he was not born pretty. If he don't go back and pull the hole in after him, to curl himself up for another nap, he is a bigger fool than we think he is.

SENATOR CAVENDER'S Immigration Bill has received much attention throughout the State and the comments of the press have been favorable to its passage. It must be very plain to everybody who thinks, that if Delaware is to keep up with the procession she can no longer afford to turn her back on the subject of Immigration.

AN exchange says that a hotel clerk at Springfield, Massachusetts, blew out his brains a few days ago. He had been a clerk at several of the noted summer hotels, too. This is indeed a very strange occurrence. We cannot understand it. It seems impossible. But perhaps the reporter only meant that he shot himself through the head.

IN the lower house of the New Jersey Legislature a bill was passed on Wednesday providing that in all civil actions four men out of a jury of six and nine out of a jury of twelve shall be competent to render a verdict.—This looks like a sensible step and proves that a good many of Jersey's legislators are not wedded to antiquity.

BERGH wrote a letter to Mayor Edson asking him to stop the sparring exhibition which was announced to take place at New York on Monday night. Bergh has probably at some time in his life been struck on the nose by a boxing-glove and has since regarded sparring contests as acts of cruelty to animals. Bergh has a level head.

THE Tombstone, Arizona, *Epitaph* announces in a recent issue a dramatic and musical entertainment to be given for the benefit of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches at Tombstone, and promises that the entertainment will conclude with refreshments and dancing. Evidently an entertainment for the benefit of the church is no dull affair in Arizona.

THE sparring soiree between Jim Mace and Slade, the Maori pile-driver, did not come off at Madison Square Garden, New York, on Monday night. The renowned professors of pugilism were arrested early in the evening, charged with intending to violate the law in giving a sparring exhibition. About ten thousand people went to see the show but the Garden was kept closed by the police.

THANKS to the efforts of Dr. T. H Gilpin, of Middletown, who has taken sufficient interest in the Peninsular Mail Service to lay before Superintendent Jackson a statement of facts in connection with one of the wretched arrangements that has for some time existed, we shall hereafter be able to have mail matter reach Chesapeake City and other points connected with Elkton by stage, on the same day it is posted at points on the Delaware railroad north of Harrington. Mr. Jackson has written Dr. Gilpin that arrangements have been made for the north-bound route agents on the train due at Wilmington at 8.50 A. M., to forward a pouch to Elkton by connecting train. By this arrangement, Superintendent Jackson says, letters mailed at Middletown in time for the morning train will reach Chesapeake City the same day. This was the old arrangement that existed for many years, and nobody has ever been found who was able to explain why it was abandoned.

A Raid on Susquehanna Pot Hunters.

For several weeks past owners of different ducking shores on the Gunpowder, Susquehanna and Bush Rivers have made frequent complaints against the unlawful and damaging work of certain gunners, known as "pot hunters," who killed ducks at night with the aid of a large gun strapped to the bow of their boats. A gun about seven feet long, patterned after the ordinary ducking guns, but capable of carrying 1½ pounds of shot, was used. The boat was rowed quietly out into the stream, near the feeding place of the ducks, the gun trained on a flock, killing many at a discharge, and scaring the rest away from the feeding grounds. The depredations of the "pot-hunters" were so disastrous to the legitimate gunners that it became necessary to take some decided action in the matter. The law positively forbids the killing of ducks at night, either from boats or shore, or by means of these guns, under a penalty of from $50 to $250. Marshal Gray was consulted, and he sent Detective Mark Hagan to Havre de Grace last Monday. By a little work he gained the friendship of some violators of the law. One of these took him on an expedition when 104 ducks were destroyed but the detective did not arrest his instructor, hoping to capture some of the others. He sent to Baltimore for aid, and Detectives Mitchel and Gault, who were accompanied by Mr. John E. Semmes, attorney for the ducking clubs, went on Thursday to Havre de Grace. Eleven of the pot-hunters, well armed were intrenched on Spesutia Island and defied the detectives. Mr. Semmes hoisted a flag of truce and parleyed with the hunters, finally persuading them to abandon their determination to oppose the officers on the ground that the detectives, if necessary, would be reinforced and intended to take the offenders, no matter at what risk. Washington Barnes and James Holly, two of the principal hunters, were arrested and their guns captured. The men were taken before Justice Harrison of Aberdeen, Harford county, and fined $50 and costs. Their guns were brought to the city and destroyed. One of them was valued at $600, and was a fine piece of mechanism. It is the intention to send other detectives to the ducking shores to prevent any further depredations of "pot-hunters."—*Balto. Sun.*

How The Canadians Dress.

The correspondent of the New York *Sun* writes from Montreal as follows: Any one could tell a Canadian from a visitor at a glance. Every Canadian who did not wear a fur cap had on a knit worsted arrangement like a giant stocking run to a point. Six out of 10 Canadians wore long fur coats, reaching from their ears to their heels. Most of them were of fox or bear skin, but a great many were made of sealskin, trimmed with even costlier furs. They cost $1,000 each. But the thing common to most of them was the cloth and rubber overshoe, trimmed with gaudy embroidery. They have a saying that walking without them in winter is walking to the grave. To a New Yorker, who has heard the beauties of Baltimore, Brooklyn and Murray Hill girls rated beyond comparison, the Montreal girls and those from other Canadian cities proved as interesting as anything where each object he looked at was novel. No woman would dare go into the street painted so much or with such a pronounced red as superabundant health and spirits has dyed every pair of girlish cheeks. It is not likely that any drug could produce the flash and sparkle one sees in every pair of girlish eyes; for the young women here get the charms they boast of by skating side by side with their brothers, racing on snowshoes with the men, tobogganing wherever tobogganing can be practiced, walkink like Indians, and running like deers. A group of them is of as many bright colors as a bunch of garden flowers, and one gets the impression that they dress loudly, but this comes of the habit they have of tying a bright colored worsted comforter over their heads and around their necks whenever they go out of doors in cold weather. To-day at the snowshoe race, the tobogganing hills, and in the sleighs, the women from the United States shivered under their sealskin sacques, while the Montreal girls stood knee keep in snow, sat on the snow banks, or stood on the hill tops half hours at a stretch.

"I must tell you how these girls dress," said a New York woman to her husband. "First they start with flannel from head to foot—and such flannel! Why, it's an eighth of an inch thick. Then they go on like other women, except that they put on more skirts, and usually a quilted one that's as warm as a wood fire. Then they put on a dress, and over that a chamois jacket that fits like a shoe in the mud. Then they put ribbed woollen stockings over their stockings, and arctics over their shoes. They don't care any more about the looks of their feet than the St. Louis women do. Then they put knit wristlets, then gloves, then a fur or cloth dolman, then a fur cap and finally a coil of worsted comforters, When they are dressed, if they are hurled at a speed of a mile a minute from a tobogan, they are unhurt. If they fall through the ice, they are not wet. If the thermometer drops to 15 below, they read of it next day and wish they had known it at the time."

THE Inman steamship pier at New York was destroyed by fire yesterday, and the steamship Egypt, which was discharging her cargo on the pier, was badly damaged and made a narrow escape from destruction. The loss by the fire is estimated at $800,000.

SENATOR BAYARD'S wealth has been estimated to be $150.000. He chooses his own company and, while he likes a good story and hates social hypocrites, he is never willing to surrender himself to vulgar politicians.

"ROUGH ON RATS."—Clears out rats, mice, roaches, flies, ants, bed-bugs, skunks, chipmunks, gophers. 15c. Druggists.

EVERYBODY is using, and everybody is recommending to everybody's friends, Brown's Iron Bitters as a reliable iron medicine, a true tonic.

A PLAIN MAN'S TESTIMONY.—Dr. Tanner's German Ointment cures many things besides sores, wounds and bruises. As a remedy for piles it is one of the best things ever used.

John K. Hutchinson, Tuskaloosa, Ala., writes: "I have suffered with the piles for many years and have tried almost all the remedies now in use and I can truly say that there is none that will compare with Tanner's German Ointment, as it softens the tumors and takes the pain out."

MARDI GRAS AT NEW ORLEANS.—February 6 is Shrove Tuesday this year, and one week after, on Tuesday, Feb'y 13th, the 153d Grand Monthly Drawing of The Louisiana State Lottery will occur, when $75,000 will go to some happy mortal who has invested by sending $5 to M. A. Dauphin, New Orleans, La., or else it will be scattered into fifths at One Dollar each, and over $265,000 paid as prizes. Tickets are only 100,000 in number, and over two hundred thousand visitors are expected at New Orleans next Mardi Gras.

THE MARKETS.

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY ISAAC JONES, JR.

WHEAT—		CORN—	
Amber,	1 13@1 00	Yellow,	00@56
Timothy Seed	3 50	White, "	00@52
Clover Seed, ℔ lb	@15c	Oats, -	45@48

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. M. REYNOLDS & CO.

Eggs, ℔ doz.	-00@25c	Chickens,	
Butter, ℔ lb	-22@25c	Spring, ℔ lb	13@14
New Lard, "	12@13c	Turkeys, -	14@16
Potatoes, bas	00@45	Ducks, -	13@14
		Sausage, -	13@14

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS.

WHEAT—		CORN—	
Prime red,	1 08@1 16½	Yellow, -	57@56
Timothy Seed,	3 50	White, -	57@56
Clover Seed, ℔ lb	8@9c	Oats (Delaware)	45@50

BALTIMORE MARKETS.

WHEAT—		CORN—	
Good to amb.	1 16@1 20	White, New,	64@65
OATS—		Yellow, "	62@65
Southern,	48@51	Rye, -	68@70

Special Notices.

"Figures are not always facts," but the incontrovertible facts concerning Kidney-Wort are better than most figures. For instance: "It is curing everybody" writes a druggist. "Kidney-Wort is the most popular medicine we sell." It should be by right, for no other medicine has such specific action on the liver, bowels and kidneys. Do not fail to try it.

ON THIRTY DAYS' TRIAL.—The Voltaic Belt Co., Marshall, Mich., will send Dr. Dye's Celebrated Electro-Voltaic Belts and Electric Appliances on trial for thirty days to men (young or old) who are afflicted with nervous debility, lost vitality and kindred troubles, guaranteeing speedy and complete restoration of health and manly vigor. Address as above.—N. B.—No risk is incurred as thirty days' trial is allowed.

New Advertisements.

Executrix's Sale.

The undersigned, as Executrix of Mrs. Eliza Kanely, deceased, and on account of whom it may concern, will sell at Public Sale on the farm occupied by William Kanely, on the Levels, New Castle county, Del., four miles from Middletown and one mile from Warwick,

On FRIDAY, February 9th, 1883,

At 10 o'clock, A. M.,

The following Personal Property, to wit:

Horses and Mules:

Four good Work and Driving Horses, pair good Mules, one Spring Colt.

Cattle:

3 EXCELLENT COWS; two CALVES.

Farming Implements, &c.:

Farm Wagon, Mill Dearborn, Peach Wagon, Peach Rigging, Family Carriage, Buggy, Wagon, Carriage and Plow Harness, Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, Roller, Horse-rake, Horse-power, Peach Culler, and a variety of other Farming Implements. Also, 31 Acres of Wheat in the ground.

Also, a large Quantity of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising Beds, Bedding, Carpets, Bureaus, Tables, Chairs, Stoves, China and Glassware, and numerous other articles.

TERMS OF SALE:

All sums less than $20, the Cash will be required; on sums of $20 and over a credit of seven months will be given upon the purchaser giving an approved negotiable or judgment note.

EMMA KANELY.

S. M. Enos, Auctioneer. Feb.2 ts

PUBLIC SALE
—OF—
Personal Property.

The subscriber, intending to discontinue farming, will offer at Public Sale, at his residence, near Middletown, Del.,

On FRIDAY, February 16th, 1883,

At 10 o'clock, A. M.,

The following described Personal Property:

Seven head of Horses:

No. 1.—"Tom Bayard," Chestnut Sorrel, 10 years old, sound and kind in all harness, a No. 1 saddle horse, perfectly safe for a lady, can pace in three minutes. As good as the best.

No. 2.—"Topsy," a Brown Mare, 6 yrs old, sound and gentle, will drive ten miles an hour without a word, good style, and with some practice will make a good saddle hack.

No. 3.—"Fanny," a Bay Mare, 11 years old, good worker in all harness, a first-class Cart horse, 15 hands high.

No. 4.—"Shylock," a Bay Gelding, four yrs old in April next, sound and kind in all harness, an exceptionally fine made horse, prompt, and promising of good foot; good size.

No. 5.—"Kate," a Bay Mare, 9 years old, sound and kind in all harness, a good worker and as good a driver as one would wish to rein, Hambletonian stock. Can trot in 3.15.

No. 6.—"Clipper," a Bay Colt, one year old April 27th, 1883, the foal of No. 5, sired by "Promise;" a very promising animal.

No. 7.—"Harry," Brown Horse, 7 years old, kind and gentle, a good driver and of great endurance.

Eleven head of Cattle:

Consisting of five superior Milch Cows, two with calves by their side, others will be in profit by day of sale. All these cows are fine milkers and are worthy the attention of persons in quest of good dairy stock. Two fine heifers, three years old in the spring, will be in profit soon; 1 Bull, of good stock, and 3 Yearling Calves. Two Fat Calves, to be sold for Cash.

Carriages and Harness.—One York Wagon and one Phæton, both in good order, the latter just from the shop; 2 sets of Single Harness, in good order; 2 sets Wagon Harness, 1 set Cart Harness, 1 Sleigh and Bells, 1 Carriage Pole.

Farming Implements, &c.:

One Farm Wagon and 1 Peach Wagon (38 baskets), both iron axle; 1 7-foot Osborne Self-binding Harvester, has cut fifty acres only, in good order and works nicely; one Taylor Horse Rake, 1 Champion Mower and Reaper combined, in good order; 1 Roller, 2 Corn Markers, 1 Water Tank, 1 Mill Wagon, 1 Grain Fan, 2 Corn Shellers, 1 Buckeye Grain Drill, as good as the best; Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, Shovels, Hoes, Rakes, Forks, Cross-cut Saw, Maul and Wedges, Wheelbarrow, and many other articles that are used about a farm. A lot of Plow Gears and Horse Blankets, a lot of Barrels and Hogsheads, a large meat bench for cutting pork on, one Grindstone.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS.—Sixty-four yards Ingrain Carpet, four Stoves, 1 a Cook, No. 9 Niagara; Bedsteads, Tables, Chairs, Lamps, 1 Bath Tub, etc.

A LOT OF DAIRY FIXTURES, consisting of a No. 2 Four-can COOLIE CREAMER, new; Cream Kettles, 3 Churns, Pans, Buckets, etc., etc.

☞ Two Hives of Bees; a Lot of Meat by the pound; a Lot of Timothy Hay by the Ton.

TERMS OF SALE:

All sums under $20, Cash; on sums of $20 and over a credit of ten months will be given to those who give a bankable note with approved endorser, interest added.

☞ No goods to be removed until conditions are complied with.

R. B. WILSON.

S. M. Enos, Auctioneer. Feb.2-ts

Administrators' Sale.

The undersigned, as Administrators, will sell at Public Sale the property of William Welden, deceased, at his late residence, on the road leading from the State Road to the Levels Schoolhouse, two and a half miles from Middletown, on the farm now owned by T. F. Crawford,

On MONDAY, February 19, 1883,

At 10 o'clock, A. M., as follows:

8 HEAD OF HORSES:

No. 1.—A Fine Mare, 8 years old, excellent driver, of Bellfounder Stock, noted for great bottom and long endurance, Chestnut Sorrel.

No. 2.—A Bay Mare, fifteen hands high, weighing 1,000 pounds, well bred and fine metal.

Also, six good roadsters and workers, young, substantial horses.

Nine Head Cattle:

Eight head of Milch Cows, all of which will be in profit soon, a number raised and splendid milkers, all Buffalos and good sized cattle; one fine sized Bull, three years old, buffalo, perfectly quiet, good stock.

NINE HEAD SHOATS, Chester County Whites.

Farming Implements, &c.:

Two Farm Wagons, both iron axle, one nearly new; 1 Family Carriage, Pole and Shafts, in good order; 1 York Wagon, Jones & Guthrie build, in good order; 1 Champion Reaper and Mower combined, nearly new, in perfect order, not surpassed by any other combined machine; 1 Steel-tooth Rake, one Wheat Drill, good phosphate attachment, in perfect order; 1 Cilinder Roller, 2 sets Wagon Harness, one set good as new; 2 sets Single Carriage Harness, nearly new; 1 set Double Carriage Harness, 8 sets of Plow Gears, 8 Collars and Bridles, 1 Mill Wagon, Peach Bed and Springs, in good order; 9 Plows, two chilled with wheel and jointer, in good order; 4 Iron-edge Cultivators, only used one season; lot of Wooden-framed Cultivators, 2 Twin Harrows, 1 large Orchard Cultivator, 1 Grain Fan, 1 Corn Sheller, as good as new; 25 cotton Grain Bags, 1 Half-bushel Measure, lot of Forks, Hoes and Shovels, 1 Post Spade, lot of Double Trees and Three-horse Trees; also, a number of other articles useful and handy to a farmer.

☞ Dairy Fixtures, Household and Kitchen Furniture,

About 800 Pounds of Pork by the pound, lot of Clover Hay. Half interest in Thirty-three Acres of Wheat in the ground, 250 pounds of phosphate to the acre, one-half the ground covered with manure before it was seeded.

TERMS OF SALE:

All sums of $20 and under, the Cash will be required; on all sums over twenty dollars a credit of nine months will be given by the purchaser giving judgment note or bond with approved security.

Further particulars will be made known on the day of sale,

WILLIAM B. WELDEN,
JOHN R. WELDEN,
HARRY COOPER,
Administrators.

Feb.2-ts

L. W. STIDHAM & SON, Auctioneers.

Divorce Notice.

I, JAMES TATMAN, of Middletown, New Castle county, Del., do hereby give notice that I shall apply to the General Assembly of Delaware, now in session at Dover, for a divorce from my wife, CATHERINE C. TATMAN.

JAMES TATMAN.

Jan19-4t

Divorce Notice.

I, ANNIE J. WILSON, of Middletown, New Castle county, Del., do hereby give notice that I shall apply to the General Assembly of Delaware, now in session at Dover, for a Divorce from my husband, J. C. WILSON.

ANNIE J. WILSON.

Jan19-4t

Public Sales.

Public Sale!

The undersigned, having rented her farm, will offer at Public Sale, at her residence, "Cedar Lane," four miles above Middletown and two miles from Mt. Pleasant, New Castle county, Del.,

On MONDAY, February 12, 1883,

At 10 o'clock, A. M.,

Her Stock and Farming Implements, to wit:

SEVEN HEAD OF

GOOD HORSES!

No. 1.—Large Sorrel Horse, 15 hands high, 13 years old, a good farm-horse, will work anywhere.

No. 2.—Flora, Black Mare, 7 years old, sound and gentle in all harness, is free, and is a good worker or driver, in foal by Hambletonian, and is raising a colt every year.

Nos. 3 and 4.—Maud and Birdie, a pair of Dark Bay Mares, own sisters, 4 and 5 years old, broken to all harness, of the Glenco stock. These colts make a first-class double team, will travel from eight to ten miles an hour; Have taken first premium at the Middletown fair as double drivers. Will be sold together for double team.

No. 5.—Daisie, a Light Bay Mare, 7 years old, sound and gentle in all harness, of the Patchen stock, a first-class driver, will travel from nine to ten miles an hour, and will trot a mile close to three minutes.

No. 6.—Hamilton, Sorrel Colt, 3 years old in May, of the Hambletonian stock. This colt has the appearance of making a fine horse.

No. 7.—Queen, Bay Colt, coming 2 yrs. old; very promising.

10 HEAD CATTLE!

INCLUDING 7 HEAD OF MILCH COWS,

All of which are very good Milkers, and all will be in profit in the spring.

☞ TWO HEIFERS.

Farming Implements:

Consisting of Two Farm Wagons, one iron axle; 5 Plows, one Oliver Chilled Plow, nearly new; 4 Cultivators, two of them iron frame, nearly new; 1 Twin Harrow, in good order; 1 Champion Reaper and Mower combined, in good order, does good work; 1 Steel-tooth Rake, 1 Roller, 1 Fan, Corn Sheller, Cider Mill, 1 Superior Wheat, Grass Seed and Phosphate Drill, with all the latest improvements, nearly new; 1 set of Wagon Harness, 4 sets of Plow Gears, Bridles and Collars, Forks, Shovels, Hoes, Spades, and many other useful articles.

Household and Kitchen Furniture,

CONSISTING OF

CHAIRS, TABLES, COOK STOVE, BEDSTEADS, &c.

TERMS OF SALE:

All sums of $20 and less, Cash; on sums over that amount a credit of ten months will be given by the purchaser giving a bankable note with approved endorser, interest added.

ELIZA TEMPLEMAN.

S. M. Enos, Auctioneer. Jan.26-ts

Public Sale!

The subscriber will sell at Public Sale, at the residence of the late James R. Collins, on the public road leading from Odessa to Taylors's Bridge,

On TUESDAY, February 13, 1883,

At 10 o'clock, A. M.,

The following Personal Property, to wit:

Horses and Mules:

4 GOOD ROAD OR WORK HORSES,

2 Colts, 1 and 2 years old; 3 pairs of Mules, all good workers and well mated.

Cattle:

8 MILCH COWS, all splendid milkers, several of them pure Alderney; 1 pair of very fine three year old Steers, unbroken;

One pair of two year old Holstein Twins, one Fat Steer, to be sold for cash; and several Young Cattle; 1 Holstein Bull, two years old; 2 Brood Sows and 19 Shoats, Chester county stock.

WAGONS AND CARRIAGES.—Two Farm Wagons, in good order; 2 Peach Wagons, all complete; 1 Mill Dearborn, with poles; one Ox-cart, 1 Family Carriage and Pole, 2 York Carriages, in good order; 2 Buggies, one Sleigh and Bells.

Farming Implements, &c.:

One Osborne Reaper and Binder, in good order; 1 Buckeye Mower, 2 Grain Fans, one as good as new; 1 Farmers' Friend Wheat Drill, good as new; 1 Self-dropper Wheel Rake, in good order; 1 Corn Sheller, 1 Roller, Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, Shovels, Forks, Hoes, and many other articles too numerous to mention.

HARNESS.—1 set Double Harness, 2 sets of Single Harness, 2 sets Wagon Harness, two sets Lead Gears, Plow Harness, Single and Double Trees.

—ALSO,—

A LOT OF HOUSEHOLD AND KITCHEN FURNITURE.

TERMS OF SALE:

All sums of $15 and less, Cash; on sums over that amount a credit of ten months will be given by purchaser giving bankable note with approved endorser, interest added.

☞ No goods to be removed until Conditions are complied with.

Mrs. M. E. COLLINS.

A. Hayden, Auctioneer. Feb.2-ts

Public Sale!

The subscriber intending to discontinue farming will sell at Public Sale, at her residence, two miles from Mt. Pleasant, Del., on the road leading from Jamison's Corner to Middletown, Del.,

On WEDNESDAY, Feb'y 14, 1883,

At 10 o'clock, A. M.,

Her entire Stock and Farm Utensils, to wit:

TEN HEAD OF

Horses and Mules:

No. 1.—Dollie, Brown Mare, 11 years old, good driver and a good brood mare, will work anywhere.

No. 2.—Lou, Bay Mare, 8 years old, good driver or worker.

No. 3.—Dutchman, Brown Horse, 5 years old, good driver or worker, fearless of locomotive.

No. 4.—Easter, Brown Fillie, 2 years old, 16 hands high, sired by Hambletonian; dam, a Kentucky mare. Will weigh 1100 pounds.

No. 5.—Sis, Sorrel Mare, 1 year old, 15 hands, sired by old Morgan Black Hawk; dam, a Patchen mare; grand dam, Bashaw.

No. 6.—Allison, Brown Colt, coming 1 year old, sired by Bashaw; dam, a Kentucky mare.

No. 7.—Harry, Black Horse, 6 years old, 15¼ hands, sound and quiet, work anywhere, a good family horse.

No. 8.—Chick Hawk, Sorrel, 4 years old, sound, will work anywhere, fearless of locomotive.

Nos. 9 and 10.—Pair Bay Mules, 10 years old, sound and gentle, work anywhere, equal to any in the county.

8 Superior Milch Cows,

Some of which will be in profit by day of Sale.

1 pair of FAT STEERS, to be sold for Cash.

Seven head of SHOATS, Poland China and Chester White.

Farming Implements, &c.:

One Family Carriage, nearly new; 1 Carriage Pole, 2 Top Buggies, in good order; 2 Farm Wagons, in complete order; 1 Mill Wagon, 1 Peach Body and Springs, 1 Osborne Self-binder, in good order; 1 Champion Self-rake Reaper, in good order; 1 Champion Mower, 1 Rickford & Hoffman Drill, 1 Roller, made by Pennington; 1 Root Cutter, 1 Corn Sheller, 1 Grain Fan, 1 Steel-tooth Rake, two Wheel Cultivators, nearly new; 3 Iron Cultivators, (Planet, Jr.); 3 Syracuse Plows, 2 Twin Corn Plows, 2 Double Harrows, 2 sets Wagon Harness, 6 sets Plow Harness, 1 light set Double Carriage Harness, nearly new; 1 set Single Carriage Harness, in good order; 1 set Mill-wagon Harness, Forks, Rakes, Shovels, Hoes, Double and Single-trees,—1 SLEIGH and BELLS.

☞ Lot of CHICKENS, DAIRY FIXTURES, CHURNS, PANS, BUCKETS, &c.

☞ *Meat by the Pound!* ☜

TERMS OF SALE:

All sums of $20 and under, Cash; on all sums over twenty dollars a credit of seven months will be given by purchaser giving a bankable note with approved endorser, interest added.

☞ No goods to be removed until conditions are complied with.

HENRIETTA HOPKINS.

S. M. Enos, Auctioneer. Jan.26-ts

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AGENTS MAKE **$15 to $40** PER WEEK.
We have stores in 15 leading Cities, from which our agents obtain their supplies quickly. Our Factories and Principal Offices are at Erie, Pa. Send for our New Catalogue and terms to agents. Address
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Public Sales.

Public Sale!

The undersigned, intending to quit farming, will offer at Public Sale on his farm, situated in Appoquinimink hundred, on the Townsend road, between Ginn's Corner and the Pine Tree,

On Wednesday, February 21, '83,

At 10 o'clock, A. M.,

His entire Stock and Implements, to wit:

HORSES:

No. 1.—Gray Mare, a good driver, and suitable for all kinds of work.

No. 2.—Dark Bay Stallion, 3½ years old, shows good points of speed.

☞ Three Milch Cows.

Farming Implements, &c.:

One good Farm Wagon, iron axles; 1 Peach Wagon, iron axles; 1 Peach Truck, 1 Dearborn, 1 Horse-cart, 1 one-horse Germantown Carriage, 1 Steel-tooth Rake, 1 Kirby Reaper and Mower combined, one N. Y. Buckeye Mower, 1 Hamilton Drill, with phosphate attachment; 1 Corn Sheller, 1 Vanwinkle Fan, 1 Corn and Potato Coverer, 2 one-horse Wiley Plows, 2 two-horse Wiley Plows, 1 Bleaker or New-ground Plow, 1 South Bend Plow, Iron and Wood Cultivators, Grain Cradle, new; 1 A Harrow, 1 set Carriage Harness, 1 set Double Wagon Harness, several sets Plow Harness, Bridles, Log and Harrow Chains, Cross-cut Saw, Grubbing and Garden Hoes, Ditching Shovels, Forks, Spades, Shovels, Single and Double-trees, 1 Three-horse Tree, 2 Carpenter's Work Benches, one framed; and a variety of miscellaneous articles too numerous to mention.

TIMOTHY HAY BY THE TON.

SEVERAL HUN'R'D PEACH BASKETS.

TERMS OF SALE:

All sums of $20 and under, Cash; on all sums over twenty dollars a credit of seven months will be given, to be settled by a Judgment note, with interest added at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, and with approved endorser.

☞ No goods to be removed from the premises until the above requirements are complied with.

JOHN B. KELLER.

A. Hayden, Auctioneer. Feb.2-ts

ADMINISTRATORS' SALE
—OF—
Personal Property.

The undersigned will sell at Public Sale, at the residence of the late Martin E. Walker, near Middletown, Del.,

On WEDNESDAY, Feb'y 21, 1883,

At 10 o'clock, A. M.,

His entire Stock, Farm Implements, Household and Kitchen Furniture, as follows:

8 head Horses & Mules:

Nos. 1 and 2.—Pair Mules, 8 years old, will work anywhere.

Nos. 3 and 4.—Pair Mules, 9 years old, quiet in all harness, and you will not find a better farm team than either of the above.

No. 5.—May, Black Mare, 4 years old, and gives promise of making a good driver, quiet in all harness and is supposed to be in foal.

No. 6.—Bert, Bay Mare, 10 yeaas old, a good worker and is in foal.

No. 7.—Sherman, Bay Horse, coming 6 years old, a good horse and will work anywhere.

No. 8.—Dixy, Brown Horse, eleven years old, will work anywhere.

Cattle:

EIGHTEEN HEAD CATTLE, among which are a Number of Superior Heifers, some of which will be in profit and calf by side on day of sale, and also a fine young Durham Bull.

BROOD SOW AND PIGS; One CHESTER COUNTY BOAR.

Farming Utensils, &c.:

One Family Carriage, 1 York Carriage, two sets Single Carriage Harness, 2 Farm Wagons, in good repair; 2 Peach Wagons, 1 of which is an Orchard Wagon; 1 Mill Wagon, 1 Walter A. Wood Chain-rake Reaper, one Buckeye Mower, 1 Sulkey Cultivator, nearly new; 1 Horse Rake and Frame for Corn Marker, 1 Land Roller, 3 Twin Harrows, 2 Corn Cultivators, 1 Orchard Cultivator, 1 Jersey Plow, 1 New-ground Plow, 2 Chilled Iron Syracuse Plows, 4 common Plows, 1 Planet, Jr., Cultivator, 1 Grain Fan, 1 Champion Grain Drill, 1 Jones' Adjustable Peach Assorter, 1 set of Trucks for moving buildings, 1 set of Trucks for hauling brush out of orchard, 1 Hand Corn Sheller, 1 Cider Mill, 1 Wheelbarrow, 1 Farm Bell, 1 Scythe and Cradle, Beam and Weights, a good Oak Horse Trough, Workbench and Vice, 2 sets Wagon Harness and Collars, 1 set Bearborn Harness, 6 sets Plow Gears, Bag Holder and lot of Bags, Sleigh Bells, Hedge Knives and Tree Trimmers, Forks, Hoes and Shovels of all sorts and sizes. In short, every Implement generally used in good husbandry.

☞ Also, a lot of Chestnut Posts and Rails, Hay by the Ton, both Clover and Timothy.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS.—Half dozen Mohair Spring-bottom Chairs and a pair Sofas, 130 yards Three-ply Ingrain Carpet, nearly good as new; 1 Black Walnut Desk and Book-case, Bureaus and Drawers, Feather Beds and Bed Clothes, Dining Room and Kitchen Furniture including an Extension Table and two Stoves.

TERMS OF SALE:

All sums of $20 and less, Cash; on all sums exceeding twenty dollars a credit of seven months will be given by purchaser giving a bankable note with approved endorser, interest added.

Feb.2-ts M. B. BURRIS,
S. M. Enos, Auct'r. H. M. WALKER,
Administrators.

Large Public Sale
—OF—
Personal Property!

The subscriber intending to discontinue farming, will sell at Public Sale at his residence, one mile west of Mount Pleasant, on the road leading to Bohemia Manor,

On THURSDAY, Febr'y 22d, '83,

At 10 o'clock A. M, Sharp,

His entire Stock & Farm Implements to-wit:

SIXTEEN HEAD OF

Horses and Colts.

These Horses are of fine size, well broken, good workers, single and double, and sound. Some of them are good drivers. Any one wishing to buy horses is invited to examine them before the day of sale.

CATTLE!

FORTY-NINE HEAD OF CATTLE,

Of which eighteen are Milch Cows, some of them are milking, and some of them will be in profit by day of sale. The balance will come in during the spring.

Four yokes of Oxen, good size, and 8 year old and good haulers; 9 two-year-old Steers; 1 Bull, good stock; 13 head of Fat Steers, will be sold for cash by the pound.

☞ 15 SHOATS, FINE STOCK.

Farming Implements, &c.

Four Farm Wagons, two of them iron-axle, nearly new, made by Carnagy; 2 Ox Carts; 1 Grain Drill, sows phosphate nicely; 1 Buckeye Binder, works well, has cut but one harvest; 1 Champion Self-Rake, 1 Champion Mower, in good order; 1 Steel-Tooth Rake, 1 Hay Cutter, 2 Grain Fans, one a new one; 1 Corn Sheller, 1 large Roller, 3 Oliver Plows and 2 Wiard ones, good as new; 3 double Harrows, 7 Cultivators, 3 of them iron frame; 2 Patent Corn Coverers, 2 Drags, 2 Three-Horse Cultivators, Single-trees, Double-trees, 3 Horse-trees. Three sets Wagon Harness, 8 sets Plow Harness, Harrow Chains, 2 Ox Chains, one 56 weight for Oxen; Collars, Bridles, 3 sets Wagon Lines, 1 large Feed Box, Post Spades, Shovels, Forks, Rakes, Corn Knives, Post Dogs, Axes, Crowbars, 1 large Horse Trough, 2 Hog Troughs, 1 Ice Hook, 2 Grubbing Hoes, 2 Corn Hoes, 2 Brier Scythes, 1 Hedge Knife.

Household and Kitchen Furniture,

CONSISTING OF

Bedsteads, Chairs, Tables, Hat Rack, Stove, Window Shades, large Milk Cupboard, 1 large Butter Tub, with Cooler attached; lot of Milk Pans, Buckets, large Churn, 1 large Lard Furnace, 1 Slop Barrel and Buckets, lot of Chickens by the pound, 3,000 lbs. Pork, 1,500 lbs. Sugar-cured Hams and Shoulders, by the pound; Horse Blankets and Surcingles, 1 Grindstone, Meat Hogshead and Barrels,

CONDITIONS OF SALE:

All sums of $20 and under, cash. On all sums over $20 a credit of Seven Months will be given by purchaser giving a Bankable Note on Citizens' National Bank of Middletown, with approved endorser, interest added.

☞ No Goods to be removed until the above Conditions are complied with.

☞ No postponement on account of the weather.

W. H. HOUSTON.

S. M. Enos, Auctioneer. feb2-ts

25,0000 Chestnut Rails and Posts For Sale by

DR. WILLS,

Feb.2-3m Earleville Post-office, Md.

Public Sales.

PUBLIC SALE!

Will be sold at the "Delaware House," SMYRNA, DEL.,

On Friday and Saturday, the 16th and 17th of February,

A Large Lot of Furniture, &c.

COMPRISING A

Large Assortment of Superior Parlor, Chamber, Dining Room and Kitchen Furniture, Chamber Suits, Brussels and Ingrain Carpets, Oil Cloths, Feather Beds, Bolsters, Pillows, Mattresses, Spreads, Comforts, Sheets, Blankets, Stoves, Looking-glasses, Chairs, Tables, Lamps, Queensware, Zinc and Brass Step Plates, Cooking Utensils, &c.

ALSO, ONE LARGE YOUNG

BAY HORSE,

Suitable for Draft or Farm use; 1 Park Hack and Harness; also, 1 Side-bar York Wagon, nearly new; 1 set good Single Carriage Harness, Blankets, Robes, Whips, &c.,

Feb.2-ts J. RAYMOND, Proprietor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE
—OF—
Personal Property!

The undersigned, as Administrator, will offer at Public Sale, at the residence of the late Abram Jones, in "Cedar Lane," New Castle county, Del.,

On SATURDAY, Feb. 17,

At 10 o'clock A. M.,

The following Personal Property of Abram Jones, deceased:

Two Horses, good workers and drivers.
One fine Colt coming four years old.
1 yoke of well-broken Oxen, good workers.
Five head of Milch Cows, coming in profit.
☞ TWO PIGS OF GOOD STOCK.

Farming Implements:

One Farm Wagon, 1 Mill Wagon, 1 Horse Rake, 1 Grain Fan, 1 Corn Sheller, 1 Twin Harrow, Plows and Cultivators, Forks, Hoes, Shovels, etc.

Household and Kitchen Furniture,

CONSISTING OF

Two Cook Stoves, Chairs, Bedsteads, Tables, Lounge, Clock, etc

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON, FEB. 2, 1883.

DELAWARE R. R.—TRAINS LEAVE MIDDLETOWN.

Going North,	7:55 A.M.	11:07 A.M.	5:06 P.M.
Going South,	10.13 A.M.	2:10 P.M.	7:30 P.M.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Town Notes.

— Mrs. M. E. Clayton offers for rent several very desirable business stands in Middletown.

— There will be services and Holy Communion at St. Anne's P. E. Church on Sunday morning.

— The past week has presented a variety of weather unequalled by Vennor's prognostication for February.

— The regular monthly communication of Union Lodge, A. F. and A. M., will be held on Tuesday evening.

— Lent will begin on Wednesday next. Services will be held on that day at St. Anne's Church at 10.30 A. M.

— C. Tatman, Jr., who recently left Middletown for a tour in the South, arrived safely at New Orleans on Thursday of last week.

— Representative Comegys spent last Saturday in Middletown. He and Mrs. Comegys will reside at Dover until the close of the Legislative session.

— George W. Stephens has opened a grocery store in the Stephens building, near the Middletown Hotel. Samuel Price will act as his chief clerk.

— George Wilson, the cabinet maker, a few days ago repaired a red cedar writing desk that was made in 1757 and had belonged to Major Tilghman, of Maryland.

— J. E. Hendrickson, of Philadelphia, spent last Sunday with Middletown friends. His partner, Mr. Brice, was also here during the week hunting more beef cattle.

— Philip Less, the clothing man, recently closed up by the sheriff, has removed to Wilmington. W. H. Johnson has rented the store Less occupied and will move to it on March 25th.

— While many of our neighboring towns are sadly afflicted with one or more of the dreaded contagious diseases that usually prevail in the winter time, Middletown continues remarkably free from sickness.

— At a meeting of the Trustees and Building Committee of Forest Church, to be held on Saturday next, the committee, after nine months of arduous labors, will ask of the Trustees its honorable discharge.

— The Pennsylvania Railroad company will hereafter allow passengers to carry 150 pounds of baggage free. This item may be of interest to some folks, but it is not to us. When we travel our coat-pocket holds our luggage.

— A very pleasant little birthday party to Misses May and Nellie Biggs was given last evening at the residence of W. P. Biggs, on Cass street. More than sixty little ladies and lads were present and enjoyed themselves hugely.

— S. M. Reynolds has purchased of John A. Reynolds, Jr., the old Reynolds homestead, near Newark, this county, 100 acres, for $8,000. This farm has been in the Reynolds family for thirty-six years. John A. Reynolds, Jr., will probably remove to Dover.

— From all we can learn relative to the entertainment that is to be given this evening at the Town Hall by the young folks of Forest Church, we are well convinced that it will be a very enjoyable event. There will be a big audience, of course, and few will want to go away until after the palatable refreshments are served.

— If the gas machine at the Town Hall is not improved in its working, or displaced by a new one and sold for old iron, those who attend future entertainments there had better go prepared with tallow dips. Be it ever so good, a play is not very entertaining when one can get a glimpse of it only now and then between patches of almost total darkness.

— The regular monthly public meeting of Irving Lyceum will be held on Monday evening next. A debate and several recitations or readings are promised. The musical committee will no doubt be prepared with something very pleasing.—Members should endeavor to interest their friends in the work of the society and persuade them to come to its public meetings. We shall be glad to report a large attendance at the meeting on Monday evening.

— An eminent medical authority says that small-pox is no doubt spread by paper money. Think of it, dear reader; every time you handle a fifty-dollar bill you may be exposing yourself to small-pox contagion, and when you go dunning a man for a little bill, you may get a bad lot of pestilence that you do not want. This matter is worthy of our serious attention, but paper money will still be received at this office for advertising and subscriptions.

— The firm of Foard & Comegys has been dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. W. A. Comegys withdrawing. Mr. J. B. Foard will continue the grain commission business at the old stand. He established the business in 1871 and admitted Mr. Comegys as a partner in 1873. A very large and increasing business has been done by the firm, in grain, peaches and agricultural implements, and Mr. Foard, with his characteristic enterprise and energy, will no doubt keep his trade growing.

— The kitchen of the dwelling-house occupied by Macomb Clayton, on Cass street, caught fire on last Saturday afternoon, either from a defective flue or from the heat of the cook stove which stood near the wall. Smoke was discovered issuing from the roof but no flames were seen. Mr. Clayton was away from home but his neighbors came promptly when the alarm was given. The fire was between the plastering and the weather-boarding, and it was put out by pouring water upon it from a hole cut in the floor above. The "Babcocks" arrived too late to be of service. The timely discovery of the fire saved the house from destruction.

— If you go to the Hall to-night—and you surely will if you live in or near Middletown—do all you can for a good cause. Don't leave at the conclusion of the performance on the stage, and, above all, don't be bashful. Help the Mite Society of Forest Church. Remember that you cannot carry home a case of nightmare in a better cause. Say to one of those who will stand ready to serve you, "Fair Peasantess, linger not in thy remoteness, but come hither into pleasing proximity with a plentiful array of the submarine delicacies of the season, and I will depart not until the gastronomical satiety admonishes me that I have arrived at the ultimate of deglutition, consistent with the code of Esculapius or any other man, and the last ducat is gone from my plethoric purse." You have no idea how sweet this will sound, if you will say it prettily.

County.

— Live stock is bringing good prices at public sales throughout the county.

— There have been many cases of diphtheria in the neighborhood of St. Georges this winter.

— Newark folks are endeavoring to engage Bob Burdette to lecture in the College oratory, during the season.

— The congregation of Newark Presbyterian Church have asked the Rev. Joseph Malone, of Philadelphia, to be their pastor.

— On Tuesday next the Levy Court will be reorganized, the new members recently elected, taking their seats. A janitor, fireman, watchman and county tax collectors are to be elected.

— The trustees of the poor, at the quarterly meeting on Wednesday, elected John Guthrie as superintendent in place of Mr. Barlow, resigned. Mr. Guthrie is ex-city treasurer of Wilmington.

— A call has been issued for a meeting of the members of the Bar of this State, to be held at the court-house in Wilmington to-day, to consider the subject of reform of the judicial system of Delaware.

State.

— The new M. E. Church at Hockessin, on Newport and Stanton circuit, is nearly completed. It will cost about $2,500.

— A brilliant masked sociable was given at the Hotel Richardson, Dover, on last Friday evening. Many of the costumes were very handsome.

— William Davis, a can maker, got intoxicated at Milford one night last week, and while on his way home lay down and was so badly frozen that he died next morning.

— The farm of O. W. Henning, of New York, situated near Buchanan's Corner, New Castle county, and containing forty acres, has been sold to William Wood, of Smyrna, for $2,100.

— The stockholders of the Delaware Western Railroad Company yesterday approved the resolution of the Board of Directors authorizing the issue of 71,000 additional shares of stock.

— Who will be postmaster at Milford is yet a question undecided, it being understood that the Republican State Central Committe are divided as to whom they shall recommend for the position.

Maryland Matters.

— The small-pox has again broken out at Easton. The disease made its appearance in two colored families, embracing 11 in all, and they were promptly removed to the pest house.

— Charles Nichols, while leaving Centreville, on Tuesday, under the influence of liquor, was thrown from his wagon, and the wheels passed over his head, fatally injuring him.

— It is stated that Bishop Peck will be unable, because of ill health, to preside over the next session of the Wilmington Conference, and that Bishop Bowman is likely to be substituted.

— The Maryland annual conference of the M. P. Church will meet this year in Westminster, Md., March 14th. Rev. W. S. Hammond, of Chestertown, has been appointed to preach the conference sermon.

— Mrs. Margaret Young, who died recently at Salem, N. J., in her 91st year, left 108 living descendants,—12 children, 41 grand-children, 50 great grand-children and 5 great-great grand-children. She resided for many years at Chesapeake City.

— Bishop H. C. Lay, of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Easton, who was taken suddenly ill last Thursday with heart disease while attending the Northern convocation at Port Deposit, was for a time seriously ill. He is attended by Dr. Hanna, and though extremely weak is convalescing satifactorily.

Roll of Honor.

MIDDLETOWN ACADEMY.

The following named pupils have reached an average of 95 per cent or above in attendance, deportment and rank in studies for the month ending January 31, 1883:

Department No. 1.—Sadie Pharo, Lottie Jones, Lena H. Pleasanton, Ella Dickinson, Effie A. Kelly, Bessie W. Anderson, Lillie Naudain, Rhoda Wildes, William Price, Fred Donnell, Philip R. Cleaver, William Carpenter, James Mitchell, John Price, Annie W. Morrison.

Department No. 2.—Blanche Cochran, Fannie Derrickson, Helen Naudain, Nellie Kennedy, Curtis Holten, Horatio Pharo, Horatio Willits, Clarence Cochran, Robert Jones, Cecil H. Green.

Department No. 3.—Minnie Rothwell, Walter Rothwell, Laura Willits, Edith Derrickson, Hannah Makens, Ella Stephens, Merritt Willits, Sallie Wildes, Frank Jolls, John A. Eliason, Herman Cochran, Susie Makens.

Department No. 4.—Emma Ewings, Alberta Johnson, Katie Bradley, May Holten, Lydia Echenhofer, Charlie Jones, Harry Johnson.

MATTHEW'S CORNER SCHOOL.

The following named pupils have reached an average of 95 per cent or above in attendance, deportment and rank in studies for the month of January: Mary E. Walker, 97½; George L. Townsend, 97; August Kumpel, 96½; Perry Rose, 96 2-5; John McCoy.

Sales to Take Place.

FRIDAY, FEB. 9.—Executrix sale of personal property of the late Mrs. Eliza Kanely, on the "Levels."

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12th.—Public sale of live stock and farm implements by Mrs. Templeman, near Jamison's Corner, New Castle county.

TUESDAY, FEB. 13.—Public sale of live stock and farm implements by Mrs. M. E. Collins, near Taylor's Bridge, Del.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14th.—Public sale of live stock and farm implements by T. R. Hopkins, near Jamison's Corner, New Castle county.

THURSDAY, FEB. 15th—Administrator's sale of personal property of G. W. Warren, deceased, near Taylor's Bridge, New Castle county.

FRIDAY, FEB. 16.—Public sale of stock and farm implements by R. B. Wilson, near Middletown.

MONDAY, FEB. 19.—Administrator's sale of live stock and farm implements of the late William Welden, near Townsend, by the administrators.

TUESDAY, FEB. 20.—Public sale of live stock and farm implements by Joseph Simpers, near McDonough.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21.—Public sale of stock and farm implements by John B. Keller, near Townsend.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21.—Administrator's sale of personal property of M. E. Walker, deceased, at Armstrong's Corner, New Castle county.

THURSDAY, FEB. 22.—Public sale of live stock and farm implements, by W. H. Houston, near Mt. Pleasant.

FRIDAY, FEB. 23.—Public sale of stock and farm implements by A. J. Wright, near Odessa.

MONDAY, FEB. 26.—Public sale of live stock and farm implements, by Harry Davis, on the "Levels."

MONDAY, FEB. 26.—Public sale of live stock and farm implements by Isaac Macy, near McDonough.

TUESDAY, FEB. 27.—Public sale of live stock and farm implements by Andrew Eliason, near Mt. Pleasant.

Forest Church.

The reopening services of Forest Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday next, February 4th. In the morning at the usual hour of service, Rev. Dr. Patton, the last pastor, will preach, and in the evening Rev. Mr. Rumer, of St. Georges. Other clergymen have been invited to be present. Mr. David S. Craven, of Philadelphia, will preside at the organ, and some good music may be expected.

Forest Church is now one of the handsomest church edifices on the Peninsula. The improvements were begun in May last and are just completed. The front wall of the building was taken out, and a graceful tower, 44 feet wide, 14 feet deep and eighty feet high was erected, giving about 14 feet additional floor space to the auditorium. Stained-glass windows with circular heads have displaced the old windows, and the walls and ceiling have been richly and handsomely frescoed. There are sixty-seven pews. They are of light and dark hard wood and are of a very neat pattern. A gallery extends across the front of the room, with seating capacity for perhaps fifty persons. The organ has been placed at the left of the pulpit. The entrance to the main room is made by way of wide flights of stairs on either side to a spacious landing, from which three doors open, one opposite each aisle and another in the centre. The lecture room below, in which the Sunday school is held, has been much improved, and the room for the very little folks has been made almost twice as big as it was before. The church will be lighted with gas, furnished by an improved Springfield gas machine of sufficient capacity to light every room in the building. The improvements to the church cost about $7,000, and the entire amount has been subscribed, and is very nearly all paid in. One will be convinced by an examination that in the improvement of this building, the best of materials have been used and the work well done. John Morrison, of Middletown, was the contractor for the woodwork, Stanger and Given did the brickwork, Mr. Goldburg the frescoing, and Mr. Monro, of Blackbird, the graining. With the exception of the frescoing, graining and gas-fitting the work on the building was done by Middletown artisans.

Two memorial windows have been placed in the church. One is to Mrs. Eliza Polk Cochran and John Cochran, and the other to Thomas Murphey and Mrs. Sarah Murphey. There are yet to be two more memorial windows put in, one to Major Rothwell and the other to William Brady.

The organ has been greatly improved in appearance by the dexterous hand of Mr. A. Monro, the grainer.

The handsome pulpit was a present from a generous Middletown lady.

The Forest Church edifice, which has just undergone these substantial and tasteful improvements, was built in 1850, during the ministry of Rev. Dr. Handy. The "old Forest Church," built before 1773, stood near the entrance of the present Forest cemetery. It was abandoned about 1842, after which a number of its people worshipped with the Drawyer's church. Such was the state of things until 1850, when the present organization was effected and the new church edifice erected. The ground on which it stands was purchased of the late R. A. Cochran, for five dollars per lineal foot, and amounted in all to $600. The building was erected by David Maxwell, by contract, for $5,000. It was dedicated on the last Sabbath of October, 1861, Rev. Drs. Brainerd and John Patton assisting the pastor in conducting the services. A marble tablet has during the recent improvements been placed in the wall of the vestibule, giving the names of the original trustees as follows: Major John Jones, Samuel Pennington, Andrew Eliason, Major William Rothwell, Dr. Martin Barr, Robert A. Cochran, Thomas Murphey, R. Thomas Cochran, Dr. John Merritt, Joseph West, William C. Parker, Another tablet contains the names of the pastors from the time of the reorganization of the church, as follows: Rev. I. W. K. Handy, 1851–1853; Rev. Thomas Foster, 1854–1856; Rev. W. A. Rankin, 1857–1861; Rev. Isaac Riley, 1862–1864; Rev. John Patton, D. D., 1865–1880; Rev. W. C. Alexander, 1880.

Mr. Reybold Wins.

The long-continued case of Anthony Reybold vs. the New York and Baltimore Transportation Company, on trial for twenty-seven days before Judge Bradford, sitting in the United States Circuit Court at Wilmington, came to an end on Friday evening last, the jury awarding Mr. Reybold damages to the amount of $84,334.29. The suit was brought by Mr. Reybold against the New York and Baltimore Transportation Company for six breaches of contract, in running boats on his route, on the Elk, Sassafras and Susquehanna rivers from 1861 to 1877. A large number of witnesses were heard, Mr. Reybold having had summoned nearly all the peach-growers who were shippers from the Elk and Sassafras rivers from 1861 to 1877, and both sides were represented by able counsel. It is said that the jury were unanimous in their opinion that Mr. Reybold was entitled to fair damages, and the only question among them upon which there was a division of opinion or an uncertainty was in relation to the amount. A careful examination of the canal company's books was made, and the amount fixed at $84,334.29, which the jurors agreed was a reasonable compensation. The verdict was reached after six hours' deliberation. Immediately after the verdict was received, Mr. Gray, counsel for defense, gave formal notice that he would make an application for a new trial, and would file reasons for the same at the proper time. It is probable that if a new trial is refused the case will be taken to the United States Supreme Court.

The Reybold case is the second largest ever tried in this State, the largest being that of John Randall, Jr., vs. the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company, for breach of contract. Mr. Randall brought suit in 1829, the trial lasted six weeks in the Superior Court of this county, and resulted in a verdict of $226,385.84 damages for the plaintiff, Mr. Randall. The case was taken before the Court of Errors and Appeals, but the decision was never reversed. At the trial in the Superior Court the charge was delivered by Associate Justice Harrington. The counsel for plaintiff were John M. Clayton, James Rogers, George Read, Esqs., of this State, and Charles J. Ingersoll, of Philadelphia. For the defense were James A. Bayard and Robert Fraim, Esqs., of this State, and Walter Jones, Esq., of Washington.

Fraternal Greetings.

The MIDDLETOWN (Del.) TRANSCRIPT has entered on its sixteenth year. It is a model modern journal, ever up to the times in its literary, political and news departments. It is also a beautiful sheet typographically.—*Yonkers (N. Y.) Gazette.*

Local Option.

Local Option petitions from the three counties were sent to the Senate yesterday. That from New Castle contained the names of 1,202 voters and 902 non-voters; that from Kent 552 voters and 453 non-voters, and that from Sussex 422 voters and 258 non-voters.

Increased Representation.

On last Friday Speaker Bates' bill providing for an increase of representation for New Castle county was introduced in the House. The bill provides for increasing the number of Representatives to thirty and the number of Senators to thirteen. Of the Representatives New Castle county is to have sixteen and Kent and Sussex seven each. Of the sixteen to be chosen in New Castle county nine are to be elected by the voters of Wilmington. Of the Senators New Castle is to have five and Kent and Sussex four each. The opinion of the Chancellor and of two of the Judges on the question of the powers of the General Assembly to increase its members and provide for their election by districts, have been sent to the Senate, according to request. The Chancellor's opinion was received on Monday and it is to the effect that the General Assembly may, under the Constitution, increase the number of Senators and Representatives, but such increase must be divided equally among all the counties, and they cannot provide for their election by district, because the Constitution provides that they shall be chosen by the voters of each of the counties at large. Chief Justice Comegys sent in his opinion on Tuesday. He takes a different view of the case. He believes that a State Legislature can do whatever it chooses in the matter of exercising the popular will, except where it is restrained, from so doing. He thinks there is nothing to prevent the Legislature from increasing the number of its body from any county, except the necessary two-thirds vote in each branch. To the second interrogatory, as to whether the Legislature can provide for the election of the Representatives by districts instead of on the county ticket as at present, the Chief Justice answers in the negative. Judge Wootten's opinion was read before the Legislature yesterday. He fully agrees with the Chief Justice, declaring the right of the Legislature to increase its numbers and distribute them unequally between the three counties. He is also of the opinion that the district system cannot be introduced without an amendment to the Constitution.

Annual Meeting, P. A. and P. A.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Peninsular Agricultural and Pomological Association was held at the association's office in Middletown on Saturday last. About two hundred shares of stock were represented. Mr. H. A. Nowland was called to the chair and W. Scott Way acted as secretary. The ninth annual report of the directors was read and approved. It makes the following showing of receipts and disbursements for the year just closed:

RECEIPTS.

Admission Receipts,	$2,911 85
Track Entrance Fees,	1,195 00
Sales of Privileges,	288 00
Rent of Fair Grounds,	100 00
Bills Payable (note),	300 00
Due from Protested Horses,	70 00
Due from Privileges,	15 00
Bills Payable,	642 33
	$5,522 18

DISBURSEMENTS.

Awards to Exhibitors,	$2,789 00
Labor and Police,	221 40
Office Rent,	50 00
Rent of Fair Grounds,	450 00
Interest on Note,	127 05
Insurance,	16 84
Repairs and Lumber,	55 41
Music,	150 00
Salaries, Secretary and Treasurer,	250 00
Ticket Expenses,	27 50
Hay,	37 80
Printing,	209 08
Advertising,	188 80
Posters,	65 45
Clerks,	42 00
Postage, Stationery and Express,	92 90
Incidental Expenses,	25 48
Starting Judge,	40 00
Cartage,	30 00
Paid on Note,	500 00
Bills Receivable,	85 00
Bills Payable January 28th, 1882,	68 47
	$5,522 18

A committee consisting of Messrs. H. A. Nowland, W. P. Biggs and Thomas Cochran was appointed to audit the accounts of the secretary and treasurer. This committee will be expected to report at the next annual meeting of the association. The ballot for Board of Managers to serve the association during the current year resulted in the selection of the following gentlemen: Messrs. William R. Cochran, L. P. McDowell, Joseph Biggs, R. A. Cochran, Jr., Arthur Johns, D. W. Corbit, E. C. Fenimore, G. W. Lockwood, J. F. Reybold, H. A. Nowland, James T. Shallcross. The only new members are Messrs. Nowland and Shallcross, who fill the places of Col. Joseph Hanson and the late M. E. Walker. Owing to his accumulating business, Colonel Hanson declined to be a candidate for re-election. For the past two years he has served the association both as a manager and as the treasurer. The new board of managers will meet on to-morrow afternoon to elect a president, secretary and treasurer, and to transact some other business relative to preparations for the next annual fair. The stockholders discussed plans for paying the floating debt of the association, and finally decided to make an effort to raise the necessary amount by the sale of new stock. Many of those present were anxious to subscribe for stock for this purpose, and the books being opened 130 shares were at once taken. The Board of Managers and a committee of stockholders were appointed to solicit further subscriptions of stock, and were requested to report at a special stockholders' meeting to be held on Saturday, February 24th. The total indebtedness of the association is about $2,200, and it is believed that enough stock to pay this off will be subscribed before the time of the special meeting. More than a third of the amount has already been taken. The stockholders at the annual meeting seemed to be heartily in favor of having the association start in for another year clear of debt and with head and tail both up.

Horse and Carriage Found.

A horse and carriage was found tied to the fence in front of the brick yard at Little Elk, about five o'clock Tuesday morning. The team was brought to the Howard House yard, and the horse cared for. On Wednesday the team was identified as the property of George W. Vernon, of Wilmington, it having been stolen from his stable on Monday night.

Real Estate Sales.

George W. Ingram, real estate agent, reports the following sales of real estate: The store and dwelling of T. W. Eliason, at Forest station, to Jacob Hill, for $1,750. ——The brick dwelling-house of George F. Brady, on Main street, Middletown, to Dr. John H. Parvis, for $5,000.——The dwelling-house on Green street, Middletown, lately occupied by Albert Pennington, to Register S. C. Biggs, for $3,000.——Two farms of S. C. Biggs, situated near Bridgeville, Sussex county, containing 510 acres, to A. L. Bonnaffon, of Philadelphia, for $12,500.

Two Good Shots.

Jacob Tolson, a resident of Kent Island, and known as a local sportsman, killed a few days ago fifty red-head ducks with two discharges of his gun. He discharged one barrel while the ducks were feeding and the other as they rose to fly. They were killed in Piney creek, near Kent Narrows.—*Centreville Record.*

The Drama.

THE TWO ORPHANS.

Abbey's New York Company played the "Two Orphans" to a good house at Middletown Hall on Monday evening. This play has been presented here several times within the past three or four years, but never better, we think, than by this company. Miss Armond as *Henrietta*, and Miss Nellie Pierce as *Louise* enacted the parts of the orphans in a very praiseworthy manner, while Miss Howard's *Mother Frochard* was a most excellent personification of "pure cussedness."—Miss Westbrook, though laboring under the disadvantage of a weak voice, made an acceptable *Marianne* and *Countess de Linieres*. Mr. Edwin Browne was a dashing *Jacques Frochard*, Mr. Clarke Earle a finished and pleasing *Pierre*, and Mr. C. M. Guinness an easy *Chevalier Maurice de Vandrey*. One could scarce hope to find a more amusing *Picard* than Mr. W. D. Stone. The audience was much pleased with the manner in which the play was presented. The snow storm was about as good a stage snow storm as one could expect on our stage, and was even more attractive than the genuine article of snow storm, just at this time of year.

HAZEL KIRKE.

On Tuesday evening the same company presented that delightful drama, "Hazel Kirke," the name of which, at least, is familiar to all newspaper readers. Few modern plays have been more popular and fewer still more worthy the popular favor they have gained. It is a play abounding in strong dramatic "situations," the deepest pathetic effects and the freshest and brightest of wit. The company presented this stirring drama to the entire satisfaction of the audience. Miss Westbrook well sustained the difficult part of *Hazel*, Miss Armond made a charming and very pleasing *Dolly Dutton*, and Miss Pierce a piquant and pretty *Clara*. Mr. C. M. Guinness was an exceedingly clever *Pitty Green*. He could hardly have played the part better had it been written expressly for him, and the continuous ripple of laughter and repeated applause while he was on the stage showed that the audience heartily appreciated his efforts. Mr. Guinness does well whatever he attempts, and we venture to say that he has attempted no part in which he appears to better advantage than in that of *Pitty Green*. His scenes with *Dolly* were the most delighting of the play. The parts of *Dunstan, Arthur Carringford* and *Aaron Rodney* were creditably played. The manner in which the gas acted no doubt detracted much from the pleasure of the audience. During the last scene the stage was in semi-darkness about half the time. This is an annoyance that should be prevented by the Hall Company. If the gas machine is out of order it should be repaired, and if it is inefficent, as we strongly suspect it to be, it should be removed and a good one put in its place. Bad light and bad conduct by unmannerly persons, both on the floor and in the gallery, will eventually make our Hall a very undesirable place in which to seek amusement. On Monday night there was much unmannerly conduct, such as whistling, loud conversation and unseasonable snickering, that must have been very annoying to both the performers and those who had come to be entertained by the play. The offenders were mainly in the gallery, but, we are sorry to say, they were not *all* there. On Tuesday evening Mr. Guinness found it necessary to come before the curtain, at the end of the first act, and threaten to eject the offenders from the Hall. Those to whom he spoke knew that he meant what he said, too, and during the remainder of the play all was serene. An efficient special officer is needed badly at the Hall during entertainments, and we suggest again that the Town Commissioners appoint one.

Correspondence of the Transcript.

Port Penn Literary Society.

The Port Penn Literary Society was reorganized last week, much to the satisfaction of all concerned. About twenty members were present at the meeting, which was held at Dr. Stewart's. Mr. James B. Stewart was elected president, Miss Dollie Cleaver vice-president, Miss Ettie Dilworth secretary. After the election, several members of the club read selections, some of which were very funny. Our club has very few rules and regulations, and there is positively no money in the concern, therefore no need of a treasurer. The reading only continues for an hour and a half, after which we have music and conversation, and in short do as we please for the remainder of the evening. E. S.

MARRIED.

SAULSBURY—HAYES.—January 25th, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. L. W. Gibson, John P. Saulsbury, Esq., and Mary, daughter of Manlove Hayes, all of Dover.

DIED.

KENDALL.—On Wednday January 24th 1883, at the residence of her father, Henry Kendall, near Glasgow, Miss Mary E. Kendall, aged about 18 years.

ALRICH.—On Monday the 22d inst. in Philadelphia, Pa., Wm. T. Alrich, late of Port Deposit, and formerly of Glasgow, Del.

LINDSEY.—In Chesapeake City, January 11th, 1883, Wm. Reese, youngest son of Henry A. and Sallie Lindsey, in the 3rd year of his age.

GALLAGHER.—Near Mount Pleasant, on January 19th, Edward A., son of Andrew and Annie Gallagher, aged six years and four months.

GALLAGHER.—Near Mount Pleasant, on January 30th, Clarence O., son of Andrew and Annie Gallagher, aged 17 months.

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...'s a matron now, my boy,
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...r she ran away with Tom, you know,
And the days and nights have flown
Since I saw her last in the mountain, pale,
Kitty, my pearl, my own.

How did it happen? Don't ask me now;
It is useless, mind you, to tease;
And I couldn't tell you the reason why
If you begged me on your knees;
But I was a wilful, wayward boy,
And Kitty—a pure Maltese!

CHIPS.

It was a cold day for that judge who threatening to fine a party ten dollars for coughing in court, when the disturbing element informed his honor that he would be willing to pay twice that sum to have it stopped.—*Denver Tribune.*

This is the time of year when the ...annual bank dividend is ripe.—Happy is the man who has the plants. The crop is a pretty certain one and is never injured by the frost.—MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT. But it is often injured by too much 'eat—and drink.—*Whitehall Times.*

"How did you come to break off your engagement with Miss Snowball?" asked Uncle Mose of Andy Perkins, an Austin darkey. "In de fust place, Uncle Mose, she wasn't berry young, and she didn't hab no money, and jawed like de debbel; and secondly, she wouldn't hab me and went and married anudder niggah—so I tuck de advice ob my frens and jess drapped her."—*Texas Siftings.*

"How can I leave you, my darling," murmured a Toledo lover in tones of distressing tenderness as he observed both hands of the clock approach a perpendicular on the dial. "Well, John," responded the girl with wicked innocence, "you can take your choice. If you go through the hall you'll be liable to wake up father, and if you leave by way of the back shed you'll be likely to wake up the dog."—*Toledo American.*

"What is the matter, Mose?" asked Jim Silverton of Mr. Schaumburg, the Austin merchant prince. "I vas mat at dot Schwindelmy. He hash not invided me to his vedding, vich dakes blace nexd Monday." "But I don't see why you should grieve over such a trifle." "Such a drifle! Mine Gott! he vash ad mine vedding, und he ead more den anypody else, und now, ven he geds hisself marriet he gives me no chance to ged even mit him."—*Texas Siftings.*

THE LOSS of the Cimbria offers a remarkable parallel to the fate of the Northfleet. That vessel was struck by a Spanish ship in the British Channel in the third week of January, 1873, the coincidence in time being very close. The number of emigrant passengers carried was about 400, a very large proportion of whom perished. The Spanish vessel made no attempt to rescue the shipwrecked emigrants, but went on her course, arriving in port without having suffered any material damage. The captain of the Northfleet remained at his post like the captain of the Cimbria, the bravest and coolest man on board the doomed ship. Knowles was his name. He was a young man about 30 years of age, and his wife was with him in the ship. He put her in the first boat that was lowered and charged the boatswain to take good care of her. "I will never see you again, dear girl!" he said, as the boat was shoved off. Then he kept the crew back with a pistol in one hand while with the other he lifted the women and children into the second boat. So he remained until the end, giving aid to others as long as there was a plank to stand on, and going down with the ship. The Cimbria's commander seems to have been made of the same sort of stuff.

A SQUARE FAILURE.—The agent of a New York clothing house, who was sent to Atlanta to settle up the failure of a retail house, made a few inquiries of the man next door. "I pelief it vhas a square failure," explained the man. "What makes you think so?" "Vhell, he didn't drink, nor smoke, nor gamble nor run after der vhomans, nor drive a fast horse; and ask for his vhife, she never buys nothings, and keeps no help." "Then you lay it to the stagnant condition of trade?" "Vhell, trade was purty dull, but you see he vhas not the right sort of man. Vhen a man shtops to buy a west for two dollars he doan make him pelief dot he vhants an oafercoat for fifteen, und vhen a man stops to buy an oafercoat for fifteen he doan convice him dot he need a second-hand suit for twenty. He may do in the grocery peesnees, but he can't run some clothing store mitout argument."—*Wall Street News.*

THE richest young and unmarried woman on the Pacific coast is Miss Jennie Flood, who is pretty and very pious. She is the happy owner of $2,500,000 in United States four per cents, a present from her father. The richest prospective heiress in California is Miss Hattie Crocker, who is charming and charitable. Neither of these young ladies seems inclined to marry.

A GOOD FRIEND TO THE CHINESE.—San Francisco.—Consul A. F. Bee, of the Chinese Consulate Office, expresses himself clearly in saying that he, as well as his family have suffered severely from rheumatism and neuralgia, and that medicines were used in vain. At last St. Jacobs Oil was tried, which effected immediate cures in every case. The Consul regards the Oil as the greatest pain curing remedy in existence.

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CURE FOR WHOOPING COUGH.—J. H. Post, Ag't Charter Oak Life Ins. Co., New Haven, Conn., Nov. 18, 1879, says: My children were all seriously troubled with the Whooping Cough. We treated them with regularly prescribed medicines, with Homeopathic Specifics, &c., with but little or no relief until we gave them Coe's Cough Balsam, which immediately restored them to health.

WASHINGTON IRVING.

Washington Irving's centenary will occur on the 3d of April, 1883. It is late for a fresh compliment to be paid to his sweet and gentle genius, but the London *Spectator* pays it by saying: "Since the time of Pope more than one hundred essayists have attempted to excel or to equal the *Tatler* and *Spectator*. One alone in a few of his best efforts may be said to have rivalled them, and he is Washington Irving." The *Spectator* adds that one only has surpassed them, "the incomparable Elia." Irving's temperament, however, was much more congenial with that of the early essayists than Charles Lamb's, and his pictures of English country life in *Bracebridge Hall* have just the delicate imaginative touch of the sketches of Sir Roger de Coverley. But in treating distinctively English topics, however airy and vivid his touch may be, Irving is manifestly inthralled by his admiration for the literary masters of the Anne time, and by the spirit of their writing. It is in the Knickerbocker world that he is characteristically at home. Indeed, it is his humorous and graphic fancy more than the sober veracity of history which has given popular and perpetual form to the early life of New York, and it is Irving who has enriched it with romantic tradition such as suffuses the story of no other State.

The bay, the river, the city, the Catskill Mountains, as Choate said of Faneuil Hall and Webster, breathe and burn of him. He has charmed the Hudson with a peculiar spell. The quaint life of its old Dutch villages, the droll legend of Sleepy Hollow, the pathetic fate of Rip Van Winkle, the drowsy wisdom of Cummunipaw, the marvellous municipality of New Amsterdam, and the nose of Anthony guarding the Highlands, with the myriad sly and graphic allusions and descriptions strewn all through his books, have made the river Irving's river, and the State Irving's State, and the city Irving's city, so that the first instinctive question of every lover of Irving from beyond the State, as he enters the Central Park and beholds its memorial statues, is, "Where is the statue of Washington Irving?"

Unhappily, Echo and not the Park guide-book answers. Of course, in a general sense, "Si monumentum" may serve for a reply. From that point of view, indeed, Westminster Abbey, as the monument of English heroes in letters and arms, in the Church and the State, would be superfluous. But the Abbey is a shrine of pilgrimage because of the very fact that it is the burial-place of famous Englishmen. The Central Park in New York is already a Walhalla of famous men, and the statue that would first suggest itself as peculiarly fitting for the Park is that of the New Yorker who first made New York distinctively famous in literature—the New Yorker whose kindly genius first made American literature respected by the world.

There are, indeed, two New Yorkers, two sons of the city of New York, who especially deserve commemoration in a great metropolitan pleasure-ground in which statues of famous men are erected. By a gift of private munificence Webster is there, and no one can demur. But John Jay is still wanting. By similar generosity Halleck is admitted, and stands as the representative of American literature in the society of poets of other lands: Shakespeare and Burns and Goethe and Schiller. But Irving is not there. Reversing the question of Elia's story, "Where be the bad people buried?" the wondering pilgrim asks, Where be Irving and Bryant and Cooper? They were not Americans only, but by birth or choice New Yorkers, and the three distinctive figures of our early literature. It was very touching to see the venerable Bryant, in the soft May sunshine five years ago, standing with bare head and speaking of his old friend and comrade Halleck. But who that listened did not see through tender mists of years the grave and reverend form of the speaker himself transformed to marble or to bronze, sitting serene forever beneath the shadowing trees, side by side with the poet of the "Faust" and the worshipper of Highland Mary? But Bryant would have been first to name Washington Irving as the earliest and most renowned distinctively American man of letters whose figure, reproduced characteristically and with simple quaintness, should decorate the Park.

It is the Dean of Westminster, we beleive, who decides without appeal what memorials shall be admitted to the Abbey, and there was great alarm three or four years ago lest Dean Stanley should admit a monument of the young son of Louis Napoleon. In the management of the Central Park it is probably the Commissioners who exercise the authority of admitting and excluding statues of distinguished persons. They ought certainly to insist vigorously upon the rule, "No rubbish shot here." They ought not to admit everything, merely because somebody will pay for it. A high standard of artistic merit, indeed, is hardly to be expected from a Board of Commissioners, nor is it essential. The vote should be laid not so much upon the work as upon the subject of it. But to a statue of Washington Irving all the gates should open, as every heart would open, in welcome. That half-humorous turn of the head and almost the twinkling eye, that brisk and jaunty air, that modest and gentle and benign presence—all these could be suggested by the artist, and their happy combination the pleased loiterer would perceive old Diedrich Knickerbocker, and the summer dreamer of the Hudson legends, the charming biographer of Columbus and of Goldsmith, the cheerful gossip of Wolfert's Roost, and the mellow and courteous Geoffrey Crayon, who first taught incredulous Europe that beyond the sea there were men also, and that at last all the world must read an American book.—EDITOR'S EASY CHAIR, in *Harper's Magazine for December.*

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SOUTH. PASSENGER. P. M.	A. M.	A. M.	STATIONS.	NORTH. PASSENGER. A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
5.20	11.45	8.00	—Philadelphia—	9.52	1.14	7.05
4.05	9.15	7.00	—Baltimore,—	11.30	3.35	9.05
6.25	1.05	9.10	—Wilmington,—	8.50	12.05	6.05
6.33			Delaware Junct.			5.59
6.44	1.22	9.28	—New Castle,—	8.33	11.46	5.49
6.46	1.24	9.31	—State Road,—	8.25	11.39	5.40
6.54	1.32	9.39	—Bear,—	8.22	11.36	5.37
6.59	1.37	9.44	—Porter's—	8.17	11.31	5.28
7.03	1.42	9.47	—Kirkwood,—	8.12	11.26	5.25
7.12	1.52	9.57	—Mt. Pleasant,—	8.03	11.16	5.15
7.30	2.10	10.12	—Middletown,—	7.50	11.07	5.06
7.39	2.18	10.20	—Townsend,—	7.42	10.49	4.49
7.44	2.22	10.25	—Blackbird,—	7.37	10.44	4.43
7.51	2.29	10.36	—Green Spring,—	7.29	10.36	4.35
7.57	2.34	10.42	—Clayton,—	7.24	10.32	4.30
8.10	2.45	10.55	*Ar. Smyrna, Le.*	7.10	10.20	4.15
8.02	2.39	10.47	—Brenford—	7.18	10.26	4.23
8.09	2.46	10.54	—Moorton,—	7.11	10.19	4.16
8.21	2.58	11.07	—Dover,—	2.01	10.10	4.06
8.27	3.04	11.14	—Wyoming,—	6.54	10.03	3.59
8.34	3.10	11.22	—Woodside,—	6.47	9.56	3.52
8.39	3.14	11.27	—Canterbury,—	6.42	9.52	3.47
8.44	3.19	11.32	—Felton,—	6.37	9.48	3.42
8.55	3.31	11.44	—Harrington,—	6.25	9.37	3.31
——	3.38	11.51	—Farmington,—	——	9.26	3.19
——	3.46	12.00	—Greenwood,—	——	9.18	3.11
——	3.55	12.09	—Bridgeville,—	——	9.09	3.01
——	4.10	12.26	—Seaford,—	——	8.55	2.47
——	4.23	12.41	—Laurel,—	——	8.42	2.33
——	4.35	12.54	—Delmar,—	——	8.30	2.20

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Legal Notices.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
REGISTER'S OFFICE, NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., November 14th, 1882.

Upon the application of Miles T. Jones, Administrator of William T. Rash, late of Appoquinimink hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Administrator aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters of Administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the county of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an Act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and Seal of Office of the Register aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle county aforesaid, the day and year above written. S. C. BIGGS, Register.

NOTICE.—All persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested to the Administrator, on or before Nov. 14th, 1883, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.
MILES T. JONES, Administrator.
Address, VANDYKE STATION, Del. dec8-2m

REGISTER'S ORDER.
REGISTER'S OFFICE, NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., November 20th, 1882.

Upon the application of Edwin R. Cochran, Executor of Robert A. Cochran, late of St. Georges hundred, in said county deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Executor aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters Testamentary upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such letters, in six of the most public places of the county of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle county aforesaid, the day and year above written. S. C. BIGGS, Register.

NOTICE.

All persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested to the Executor, on or before November 20th, 1883, or abide the act of Assembly in such case made and provided.
EDWIN R. COCHRAN,
dec8-2m Executor.
Address, MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
REGISTER'S OFFICE, NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., December 21st, 1882.

Upon the application of Samuel F. Jones, Administrator of Abraham Jones, late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Administrator aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters of administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the county of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an Act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and Seal of Office of the Register aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle county aforesaid, the day and year above written. S. C. BIGGS, Register.

NOTICE.—All persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested to the Administrator on or before the 21st day of December, A. D., 1883, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.
SAMUEL F. JONES,
dec. 29-2m Administrator.
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